

STANDING ORDER

To: The Manager Bank
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From: Name: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss / Other Post Code

Please pay to the account of: Friends of Hadleigh Church, St James the Less, Account N° 00711209
at Barclays Bank plc. Hadleigh, Essex SORT CODE 20-70-93
the sum of £ day of 20.....
and every succeeding month / quarter / year (please delete as appropriate) on the same date until further notice.

Debit Account N° Bank Sort Code

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Please return this slip to:

The Treasurer (Neil Hamper), 68 Benfleet Road, Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1QB
(Tel: 01702 553263 for a GIFT AID form if you pay enough Income Tax to cover your charitable giving.
This enables us to increase the value of your gift.)



TO BECOME A MEMBER

Please complete the section below and either fill in the Standing Order form (←) or send a cheque for one year's membership (minimum £24) to:

**The Treasurer, 68 Benfleet Road,
Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1QB**

Thank you!

Name: (Mr /Mrs / Ms / Miss, etc)

Address:

Post Code

Telephone N°:

email address:

**I am willing to be contacted to help occasionally
with arrangements for concerts (Please tick):**

- Refreshments (e.g. provide a plate of finger-food)
- Furniture-moving before & / or after a concert
- Clearing up after a concert (e.g. 9.15pm - 10pm)
- Taking posters around shops 2/3 weeks before.
- Publicity (putting up & taking down posters & banners around the railings)

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**Friends of Hadleigh Church
(St James the Less)
Registered Charity No. 1068520**

The Church of St James the Less, at the heart of Hadleigh, is a 12th Century Norman church which actually predates the nearby Hadleigh Castle. Amongst its features is a beautiful 15th Century belfry, a late 18th Century porch, a fragment of wall painting said to be of Thomas Becket and a magnificent contemporary organ.

As you would expect, a building of this age and importance (Listed Grade 1) needs constant repair and maintenance, all of which is expensive as it has to be to a very high standard and in keeping with the original building. This was proving very difficult for the congregation, so in 1998 a group of local people, not all church-goers, got together to form **The Friends of Hadleigh Church** with the purpose of raising funds to assist in this worthwhile project.

Since then we have raised considerable funds to pay for much redecorating, a modern loop sound system, improved central heating, asbestos removal and repairs to the stained glass windows, lightning conductor and roof as well as regular essential maintenance.

Become a Friend today

Main objective: to maintain, repair, restore, improve, beautify and reconstruct for the benefit of the public, the fabric of the Church.

For some who attend our events, it is the first time they have been inside the church and they like what they see.

All are welcome to attend events but **the subscriptions of Friends are enormously important as they give guaranteed income to enable us to put on a wide range of social activities** - concerts, talks, and other events in the church itself so people can see the lovely building they are helping to preserve, as well as outside activities (e.g. meals, coach trips) - **all to raise funds for essential maintenance work.**

For a very modest sum (minimum £2 per month or £24 annually) you can assist us in the work of maintaining this beautiful, historic building for the people of Hadleigh for future generations.

All events and other items of interest are detailed in a periodic newsletter distributed to Friends.

In addition to the material benefits, we find membership helps to create a great feeling of fellowship amongst those who participate.

To become a member of the Friends, please see overleaf:

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**Please help us to maintain this lovely building in good condition.
The Friends welcome non-churchgoers as members and participants in all activities.**

The 'Friends' was set up specifically to embrace a wider population than the normal Worshippers of the Church – it had long been felt that people of different types of Christianity, or of no faith at all, related to the beautiful church building which has stood at the centre of this community for almost 900 years.