

## Gift Aid

UK taxpayers can increase the value of their annual donation by a quarter, at no extra cost to themselves, when they sign this Gift Aid declaration:

I confirm that I wish the Friends of St John's Church Merrow to reclaim the tax through Gift Aid that I have already paid on my past, present and future giving.

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the Charities and Community Amateur Sports Groups that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year and I am responsible for any shortfall. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

I understand that the Charity (Reg No. 1189324) will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give at current tax rates.

I want The Friends of St. John's Church Merrow, to reclaim tax on this donation of £            and on all donations that I make hereafter. I am a UK taxpayer.

Name.....

Address .....

Postcode .....

Signature .....

Date .....

Name .....

Address .....

Post Code.....

Email .....

Paying your annual membership donation (£5 min.) by standing order or direct banking simplifies the membership renewal process for you and for us. Standing order application:

To.....

Bank address .....

Sort code ..... Account no.....

Please pay to Lloyds Bank, Sort Code **30 93 74**, Account **43301960**, Reference **The Friends of St Johns Church Merrow**

The Sum of £.....

(Amount in words .....

Starting on ..... and on the same date each year until you receive further notice from me/us in writing. This instruction cancels any previous order in favour of The Friends of St Johns Church Merrow.

Signature .....

Date .....

My we retain your contact details in order to notify you of events/news relating to FoStJ

Yes  No  Please tick appropriate box.

Alternatively, I enclose a cheque for £ ..... payable to 'Merrow PCC' (Please write FOSTJ on rear of cheque.)

# The Friends of St John's Church Merrow (FoStJ)



Maintaining and preserving,  
for the Community, the  
buildings and grounds of the  
Grade II listed church in the  
village of Merrow



Website: [www.fostj.org](http://www.fostj.org)

## What is the purpose?

A church has stood on this prominent corner of Epsom Road for over eight centuries and has played a vital part in the history of Merrow. The first church on the site was built in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century and over the years it grew and then fell into disrepair until by 1840 it was in a ruinous state. A generous and anonymous donation enabled the church to be rebuilt, largely to its 14<sup>th</sup> century design, by the famous architect RC Hussey. With a major extension in the 1880's, the shape of the building emerged essentially as we see it today.



Considerable elements of the original, period architectural detail remains today including the vaulted roof with structural timber

beams, original, stone mullioned, stained glass windows, stone arches and large supporting columns.



This much loved building continues to need never ending care to preserve its fabric and maintain its historic roots in Merrow village life.

The Friends of St John's (FoStj) has therefore been set up and is open to all those who are interested in becoming involved with the essential repair, restoration, preservation, and maintenance of the Grade II listed church building and its surrounding churchyard.



We encourage you to become a Friend of St John's (FoStj) and support our work by joining for a very modest annual fee of just £5.00



You may have an interest in old buildings, local history or have experience in building restoration for example.

All individuals and any appropriate organisation are most welcome to become members to help to ensure the future of the church both as a place of public worship and for its charm and historical interest in the village.

Funds are raised from subscriptions, donations and fund raising events organised to raise money for specific repair projects.



**Please see overleaf for details of how to become a Friend of St. John's**

