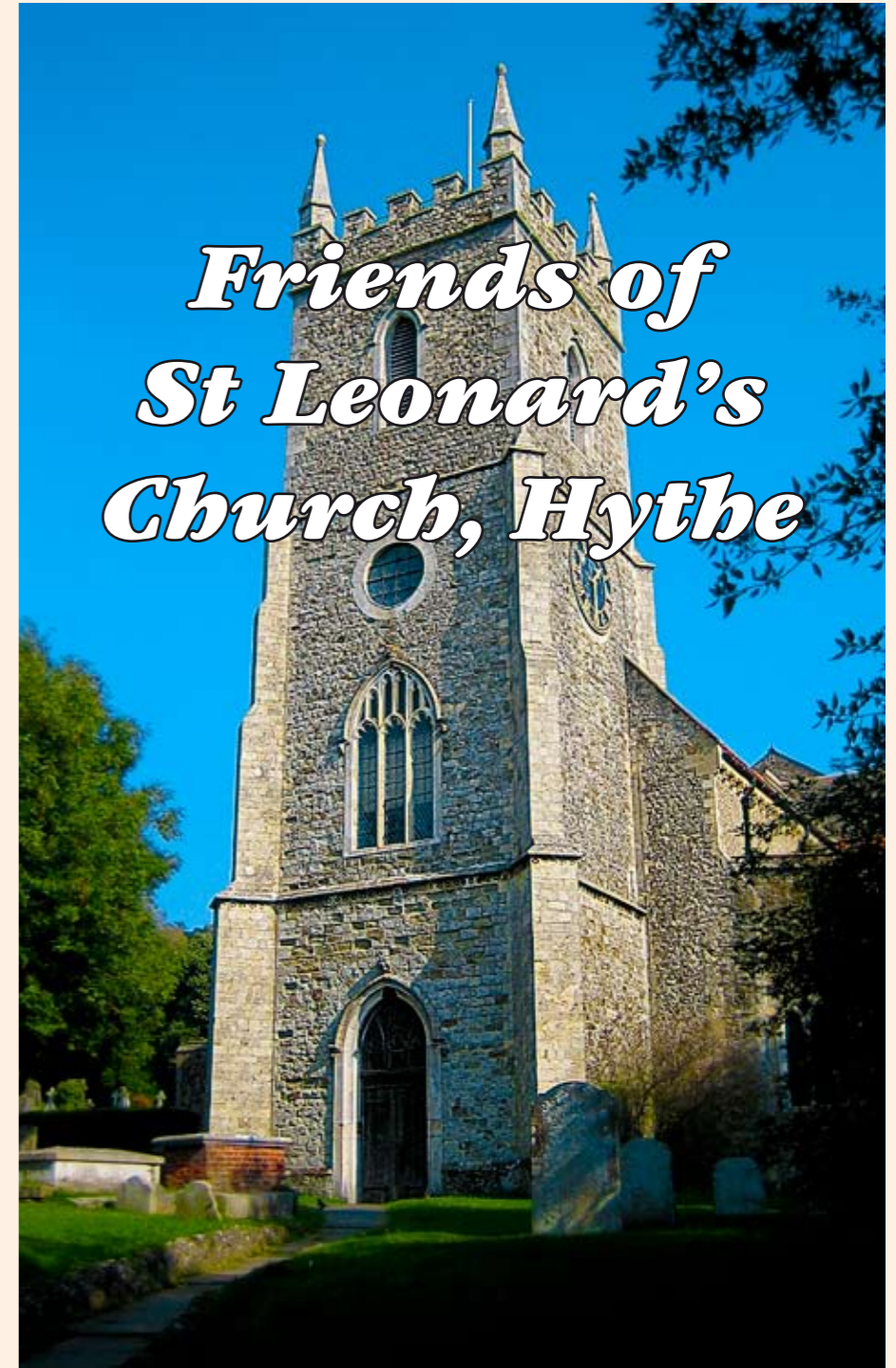




Join our association of Friends and help to maintain the fabric of this old and beautiful church, which is both an historic landmark and a centre of community life and musical activity within our town.



Our heritage and its maintenance

For at least 900 years the people of Hythe have seen St Leonard's Church standing on the hillside as a symbol of all that is best in their heritage. Successive generations have cared for the church, but there are no large endowments and the cost of maintenance must be met by raising funds locally. St Leonard's has to be inspected every five years by a diocesan architect who recommends spending that he considers necessary and sets the priorities. The need for repairs may also arise due to the effects of unforeseen events, such as storm damage or earthquakes!

How the Friends help

The **Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe**, an organisation with charitable status, came into being in 1981 to "promote the care, restoration, preservation, repair, improvement and beautification of the Parish Church and of the fabric, fittings, organ, pianos and other musical instruments, ornaments, furniture, monuments, fixtures, stained glass and documents in the church and belonging to the church". The **Friends** is an independent organisation, separate from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) that is legally responsible for the upkeep of St Leonard's. The PCC can and does, however, appeal to the **Friends** for help. The **Friends'** Executive Committee, elected at the Annual General Meetings, decides whether we should provide assistance for any particular purpose.



What the Friends do

The **Friends of St Leonard's** decided from the outset that it would not be just one more body asking for money every twelve months. Instead it would play an active role in the community by arranging a variety of events throughout the year, some in the church itself and others elsewhere in the town. These include concerts of a wide range of types, many of which are given by professional musicians. Special emphasis has been placed on performers from the major London colleges of music. These and other artistic events have led to St Leonard's establishing a reputation as the prime cultural centre in Hythe. They all help to raise money for the causes supported by the **Friends**.

Membership

The appeal of the **Friends of St Leonard's** is to everyone who cares for the beauty and traditions of this church building, whether or not they are resident in Hythe. Whilst many members of the regular church congregation have become members, the **Friends** was specifically set up to enable a much broader range of individuals and businesses to contribute and to have a say in how funds are spent. After all, most people who live in Hythe, work here or visit are concerned to see that we pass on our town and its historic buildings to future generations in the same good condition that we received them from our forebears.

You can help by becoming:

- an **Annual Member** for a subscription of £5.00 for an individual membership, or not less than £10.00 for joint membership for partners;
- a **Life Member** for a subscription of not less than £50.00 for an individual membership, or not less than £80.00 for joint membership for partners;
- a **Business Member** for an annual subscription of not less than £10.00.

Please complete the application form opposite and send it to: Mrs G Roffey, Secretary, "**Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe**", 13 Cobay Close, Hythe CT21 6AA.

You may pay by Banker's Standing Order, in which case please complete the accompanying form and also Gift Aid Declaration, which will enable us to reclaim tax on your subscription without any additional liability to yourself. If you pay UK income tax, we recommend that you sign this.

Form of Application for Membership

I wish to join the *Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe*.
I am willing to pay an Annual / Life / Business (delete as necessary) Member subscription of £
I enclose a: Banker's Order / cheque (made payable to "Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe").

Name Signature Date

Email address (please print).....

Please return this completed form to:
Mrs G Roffey, Secretary, *Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe*, 13 Cobay Close, Hythe, Kent CT21 6AA

Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe – Gift Aid Declaration

(Please complete this form if you are a UK tax payer.)

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Details of donor

Title..... Forename(s)..... Surname.....

Home Address.....

..... Postcode.....

I would like the *Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe* to recover income tax on all donations I make from this tax year onward / and for the previous four tax years (*please delete as appropriate*).

I confirm that the United Kingdom income tax and/or capital gains tax I pay in each tax year will be at least equal to the tax reclaimed on my donations. I will inform you if my tax position changes.

Date..... Signature.....

Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Standing Order

Insert details of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager..... Bank/Building Society

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Please pay to: "Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe" (Account number 09241299; Sort code 52-41-42)
Natwest Bank Plc, 75 High Street, Hythe, Kent CT21 5JQ

the sum of £..... annually on the until further notice.
(insert date of first payment)

Donor's full name *(please print)*

My address..... Postcode.....

My sort code - - My account number.....

This order cancels any existing order in force in favour of "Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe".

Signature..... Date.....