

The Friends of St. Peter & St. Paul's, Eckington

The "Friends" are being set up specifically to help with the maintenance and upkeep of the fabric and contents of this historic church. Anyone, of any faith or none, can become a member of the "Friends". The money will be held in a separate, dedicated account, and will not be used for general church purposes.

The Churchwardens are responsible for the fabric of the church buildings and it is they who will oversee the setting up of the Friends of St. Peter & St. Paul and it will be they who will form the main liaison between the Friends and the church. A constitution will be evolved which will include words such as: "The Friends task, according to its constitution, is to assist financially with the maintenance, repair and preservation, of the church's fabric, its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass and ornaments, to the benefit of all the village's residents and visitors. To ensure the continuity of this beautiful place within the village for communal activities, including as well as religious services, weddings, baptisms, funeral services, civic events and concerts, and also for moments of quiet and private reflection." There will be a Friends' Executive to include a majority of Parochial Church Council members who will ensure that all monies under its control are properly and prudently spent in full co-operation with the PCC. Accounts will be presented at an AGM, which will follow the church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting in the spring of each year, to which all Friends would be invited.

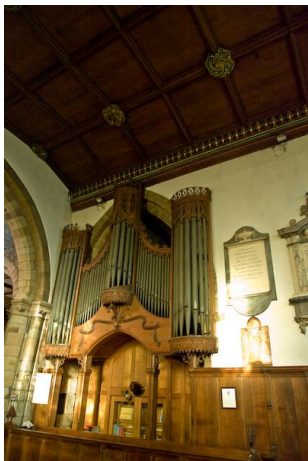
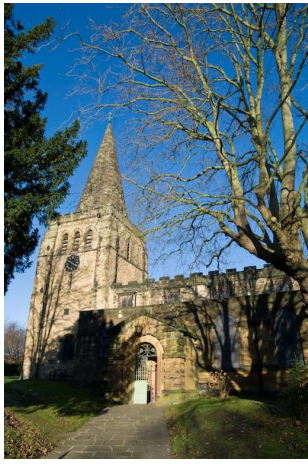
How to become a Friend of St. Peter & St. Paul's

Anyone, from anywhere, of any faith or none, can be a Friend, regardless of whether they are, or are not, a member of the church. Friends will pay an annual subscription of currently £25, which will give benefits such as:

Invitations to a programme of lectures, tours, concerts and social events hopefully organised by the Friends themselves as well as a 10% discount on the local church's portion of any fees for a wedding or funeral service. But the real benefit of being a Friend lies in knowing that you are helping to look after Eckington's landmark church, which has played and still plays such an important part in the life of the village – a visual focal point, a visitor attraction, a place for public events, as well as being a centuries-old centre of worship.

To become a friend, simply fill in the details on the form below and either hand it in at the church, email to friends@eckingtonchurch.org.uk or post it to the Rector at:

The Rectory, 17 Church Street, Eckington, S21 4BG



Application Form

I should like to join the Friends of St Peter & St Paul's Church

Mr/Mrs/other _____ Initials _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Telephone no _____

email address _____

Annual individual subscription £ _____
(£25 minimum)

Life membership £500 £ _____

*I enclose a cheque for the above amount
[payable to Eckington Parish Church]*

*or I have completed the Banker's Order form
(delete as applicable)*

Gift Aid Declaration

*As a UK tax payer I wish the Church to treat all
donations that I
make from the date of this declaration as a Gift
Aid donation,
unless I notify you otherwise.*

Signature _____

Date: _____

*Please return the completed form with
appropriate subscription to:*

**Membership Officer
Friends of St Peter & St Paul's Church
C/O The Rectory
17 Church Street
Eckington
S21 4BG**

Subscription by Banker's Order

To _____ Bank plc

Sort code __/__/__

Address _____

Post code _____

Please pay to

Eckington Parish Church

National Westminster Bank-sort code 60-40-09

Account no. 02402890

Eckington Branch,

1 Market Street, Eckington S21 4BG

the sum of: £ _____ now

or on _____ until further notice

Signed _____

Date: _____

My account no. is: _____

*Please send this order to the Membership officer
at the address on the application form, not to
your bank.*