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Please contact me with news & updates

Banker's Order

I wish to pay by Standing Order

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Please pay to: Barclays Bank PLC

Langford Parochial Church Council

Sort Code 20-74-81 A/C No: 70562300

the sum of:

Amount in words:

Amount in figures: £

on (date)

and annually thereafter until further notice.

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What's Involved?

As much or as little as you choose!

Becoming a Friend of St Andrew's doesn't involve attending services or taking part in any other church activities — unless, of course, you want to, in which case you can always be sure of a warm welcome!

By becoming a Friend of St Andrew's you are simply supporting the work of the church in the local community, whether that's through visiting people who are ill, running confirmation classes, taking school assemblies, comforting bereaved families, celebrating new life in baptisms, preaching sermons, celebrating the Eucharist, weddings, providing services through the seasons at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and All Souls, or in the many other ways we aim to show the love of Christ to each and every person through our care, comfort and compassion.

Thank you for your support!



Friends of St Andrew's Church, Langford



Your Church, Your Community

ST ANDREW'S is the parish church of the historic village of Langford, Bedfordshire. Dating from at least the 14th Century, the current building has stood at the heart of the community for longer than anyone can remember, providing a sacred space for everyone to enjoy: a place where life's beginnings, joinings and endings can be celebrated or commemorated in baptisms, weddings and funerals...

But buildings are no more immune to the ravages of time than people and whilst St Andrew's is part of the Church of England, part of the established church, this doesn't mean that the state pays for its upkeep: it doesn't. On the contrary, because the church is so old, it's a listed building, which places certain obligations upon the church where maintenance is concerned, but the church must pay its own way.

By and large the church has been successful in doing this, with the *ad-hoc* help of the local community through such events as a well-supported annual Gift Day and a Summer Fête. In recent years, however, it's become clear that running costs are exceeding income levels, an unsustainable situation. The main cause of this is a static and ageing congregation, a situation which appears unlikely to change in the immediate future. Whilst members of the congregation are being encouraged to review their own giving, it's also clear that for the church to continue serving the local community, it needs more support from that community.

We would therefore like to invite you to become a Friend of St Andrew's: to formally adopt St Andrew's as your village church. Whether that's as a current or former member of the Langford community, as a neighbour, concerned individual or as another community group or local business, we invite your support so that we, in turn, can continue to support you and future generations when you need us.

Counting the Cost in 2010

Weekly Running Costs

- £295 on our share of clergy, stipend, housing and training and support costs
- £132 on our building, including insurance, heat, light etc
- £58 on worship and ministry costs to and in the community

Total Weekly Costs: £485

Weekly Income

- £263 from regular giving
- £40 from Inland Revenue from Gift Aided donations and giving
- £47 from fees
- £41 from fundraising

Total Weekly Income: £391

Weekly Shortfall: £94
Annual Shortfall: £4,888

Organ Repairs

Alongside this ongoing deficit in the church's normal running costs, we are currently faced by the need for major repairs to the organ, estimated at £30,000, towards which — as at the autumn of 2010 — we have now raised just under £10,000.

News and Updates: Please check the box on the form if you would like us to send you occasional updates and details of special events.

Yes, please count me in!

I / We would like to join the Friends of St Andrew's, Langford, and would like to subscribe as follows:

Personal Membership

- Annual Subscription: £10
- Life Membership: £50

Corporate or Group Membership

- Annual Subscription: £25
- Life Membership: £250

Not now, but...

I / We do not wish to join the Friends of St Andrew's at present, but here's a one-off gift:

£.....

Please make cheques payable to:
Langford PCC (Friends of St Andrew's)

Gift Aid Declaration (for individuals only)

- I am a UK taxpayer and would like St Andrew's Church to reclaim tax on my contribution(s).

Please note that for this to qualify as a Gift Aid donation, you must pay an amount of UK income or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax we reclaim on your donation.

Please complete your name, address and other details as necessary overleaf. When completed, please return this form with any payment to:

The Vicarage, 65 Church Street,
Langford, Beds SG18 9QT

Thank you.