

St Mary's church is Ringmer's only Grade 1 listed building, and central to Ringmer's history. It is vital for all of us that this lovely building continues to be protected and maintained to the highest possible standard.

I hope that everyone who cares about our heritage will join the Friends and contribute to preserving and maintaining it for future generations.

John Kay, chairman of Ringmer History Study Group



Looking after the Church building

Money given to the Friends will only be spent on the fabric and fittings of the church. The Friends' do not raise funds for general expenditure such as heating, lighting, or the cost of church services.

Contributions to the Friends will support the money already being spent by the church. For example, in 2025 repairs are required to the tower clock, and to the south wall of the Springett Chapel.

Those who join the Friends will receive a regular newsletter and invitations to various events and activities throughout the year, as well as opportunities to help in a practical way with the maintenance of the Church.

For further information, contact the Church administrator, Shirley Squires
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Why we need friends...

St Mary's church is about 800 years old and certainly the oldest building in Ringmer.

The church is a beautiful and historically rich building. Alterations and additions have been made over the last 130 years but the main part of the church is original.

For the village it is the place where many happy occasions, including weddings and baptisms are celebrated. It is, of course, also the place where we remember the passing of loved ones. It is in this building that many in the community mark important moments in their lives.

All ancient buildings are expensive to keep in good order. Over the last year alone repair costs have been in excess of £20,000.

However, over the years the people of the village have helped to preserve their church and going forward we hope that this spirit of generosity and pride in our heritage will continue.

To avoid being faced with large bills for repairs we aim to have a reserve of money so that important and often very necessary work can proceed without delay.

By donating to and supporting this venture you are helping to protect and preserve an historic part of Ringmer for future generations.

The Friends of St Mary's was set up in 2004. Twenty years on, we seek to reinvigorate it, to give everyone in the village a chance to help preserve this remarkable building and its place in our community.

...to preserve this most important part of Ringmer's heritage.

If you wish to become a member of the Friends of St Mary's Church, Ringmer, please make a donation.

Please consider making a one-off donation through a bank transfer, or by setting up a standing order to make regular donations, through your bank account, using these details:

Account name: Ringmer

Parochial Church Council

Friends of St Mary's

Sort code: 20-49-76

Account number: 00932655

If you have any questions, please contact the Church

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