

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS

Please enrol me as a Friend of All Saints.

Name

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Post Code

Email Address

Date

Regular Annual Gift:

UK Members: £15
Lifelong gift: £150

Overseas Members: £20
Lifelong gift: £200

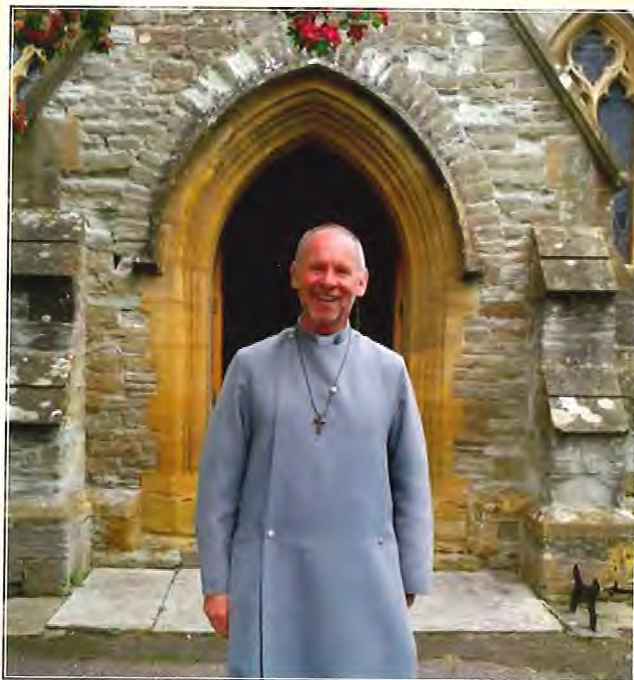
Please make cheques payable to: "Friends of All Saints".

Note: Would overseas members, please pay in sterling.

Standing Orders Forms available on request.
Please consider Gift Aid on your gift.

Please complete and send to:
Friends of All Saints, The Rectory, Rectory
Drive, Staplegrove, Taunton TA2 6AP

COME AND JOIN THE FRIENDS!



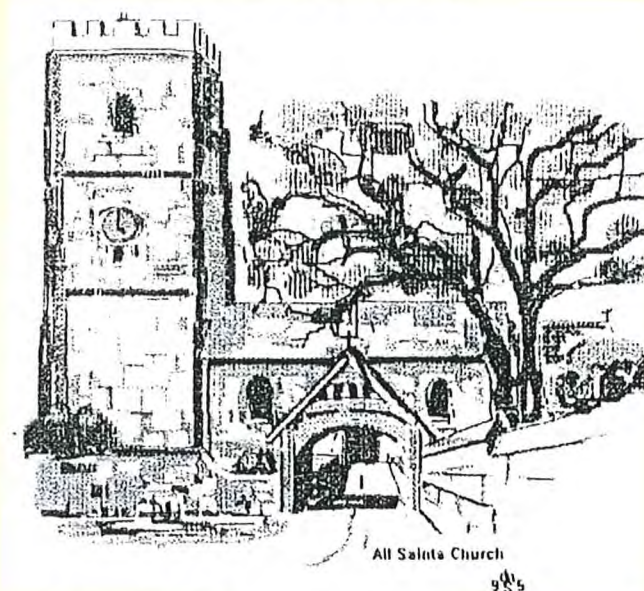
So, with these thoughts in mind, we would like to invite and encourage you to become "A Friend of All Saints"

A special service will be held annually at All Saints on All Saints Day (1st November) or the nearest Sunday to this. Details regarding this and other forthcoming events, projects, etc, will be communicated via a newsletter which will be sent to all Friends twice a year.

In addition a specially commissioned lapel pin will be on sale to show your commitment to the Friends of All Saints. Prayers will be held regularly in prayer throughout the year.

Joining is really quite simple and straightforward. Please read and complete the form overleaf.

AN INVITATION FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH



Your local Church is an active and central part of village life here in Norton Fitzwarren for people of all ages and backgrounds.

As part of its daily work within the community, it plays host every week to parishioners, schoolchildren, parents and toddlers, family friends and tourists alike. Weddings, baptisms and funerals bring together families who then return time and again to our little Church to recall those memories.

More recently, a close association has developed between All Saints and the Royal Marines at Norton Manor Camp. Candlelight services held before, during and after their operational deployments have been a source of solace and hope to them, their families and the local community of Taunton.

So, whether you come to All Saints Church often or less frequently, or whether you just rely on it being there for those big occasions in your lives, we would like to encourage you to become a **Friend of All Saints** to support the Parochial Church Council in its responsibilities to look after and maintain and improve this historic and beautiful church building.

By becoming a **Friend** you would be:

- **Supporting the thriving presence of this beautiful building at the centre of our village** - for the time being the building is watertight, but we rely entirely on donations to keep it that way.

- **Helping the Church to install vitally needed facilities** such as toilets - many who use the Church for services are amazed to find it has none! This really prevents us from holding more services aimed at both old and young alike.

- **Doing something really positive to help tackle the risk of theft and vandalism** - that is always a risk for many old public buildings. Twice we have had lead stripped from the roof which plunged us into real financial difficulties.

YOUR CHURCH—YOUR COMMUNITY

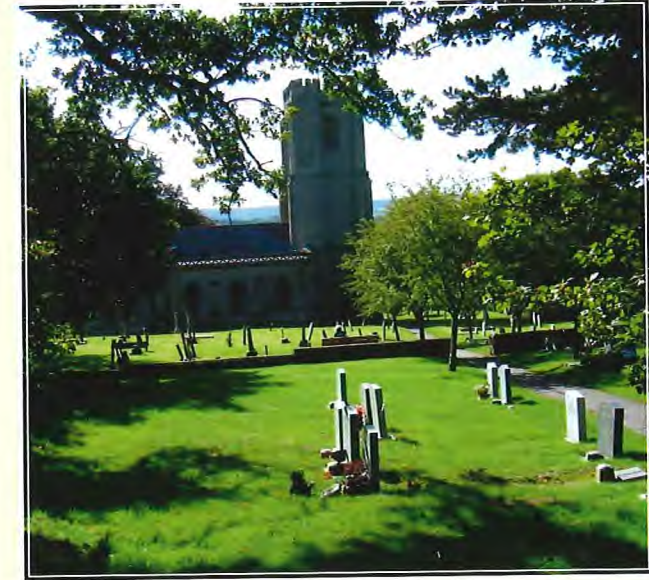
There has been a place of worship in Norton Fitzwarren since Saxon times when the legend of the Norton Dragon became associated with the military settlement on top of Norton Hill and its Church became the symbol of the authority of God in overcoming evil. Its wonderfully carved 16th century Rood Screen imaginatively and graphically relates the story of the Norton Dragon.



Its stained glass windows depict such Saints as, St Anne, St Anna, St George and St Wilfrid.

These Saints have gazed down on generations of Somerset families as they come for baptisms, weddings and funerals, and for hundreds of years the walls of All Saints have heard countless voices raised in prayer and song.

HELPING TO OPEN UP THE CHURCH BUILDING AS A CENTRE OF COMMUNITY TO THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE.



We really do need your support and prayers because, simply put, the cost of maintaining our medieval and historic church building has become too much of a financial burden for us to bear alone.

We would really appreciate a band of Friends and followers to help us in our efforts to sustain the Church for the next generation.