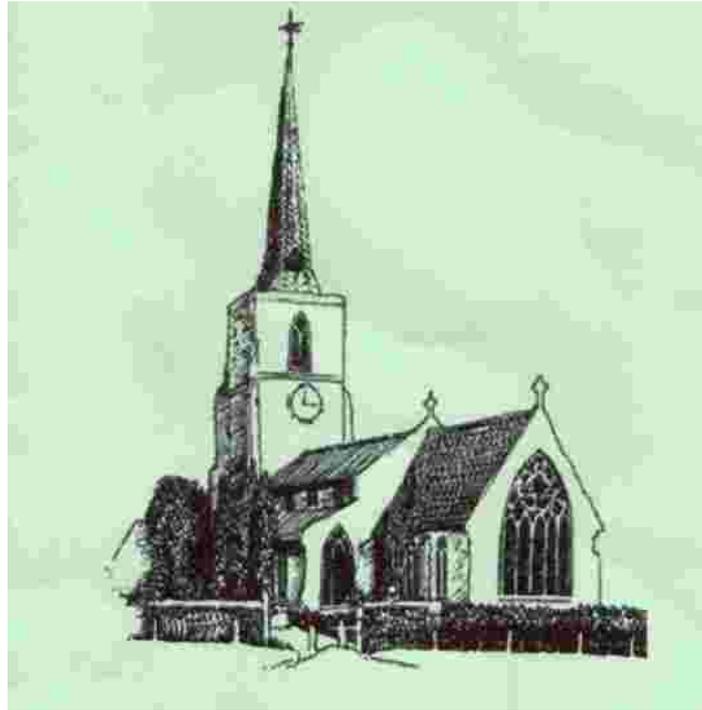


THE FRIENDS OF BANHAM CHURCH



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(Registered Charity Number 1060217)

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THE BACKGROUND

St. Mary's Church has played a central part in the life of our village for 600 years. Generations of villagers have been baptised, married, buried and have worshipped here.

Its architecture and position make it a unique and distinctive feature at the west end of the Green. Its 125 foot spire is a landmark for many miles around.

The church belongs to us all, as a community, whether churchgoers or not, and we should do our best to pass it on to our successors in good condition, as have those earlier generations who lived here.

THE PROBLEM

The church fabric is in constant need of maintenance and repair and such work is very expensive, for it requires specialist materials and craftsman to provide a standard in keeping with its status as a Grade 1 listed building.

While grants are available for such work, they never meet the whole cost and are increasingly only offered if the community has demonstrated its willingness to help.

The present worshipping community is small and such repair and development are beyond its limited resources without wide help and support.

THE FRIENDS

The Friends of Banham Church aims to involve as wide a representation of the village as possible, independently of the worshipping community, in the maintenance and development of the church building and furnishing,

Throughout the church's history it has been repaired and altered to meet the changing needs of the village. This process continues but the work is expensive and needs the ideas, support and a wide measure of agreement of the community. Through the Friends, all of us, whether regular worshippers or occasional visitors can take an active part in looking after this important feature of our village.

To date the Friends has met the cost of refurbishing the clerestory windows, providing new interior curtains, a notice board for the churchyard, a lectern bible and commemorative plate. Most recently the Friends have given help with the refurbishment of the clock face, a major contribution to the cost of the new glass porch doors, and recently agreed to fund heating in the chancel and replacing the path lighting.

The Society is registered as a Charitable Trust, thus ensuring its future and safeguarding its object, which is defined as:-

“to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct for the benefit of the public the fabric of the Church of St. Mary Virgin, Banham, its monuments, fixtures, fittings, furniture, stained glass, ornaments and other chattels.”

Membership is open to anyone who supports the aims of the Society. The annual subscription, at present £5 a year, entitles the members to join in the running of the Society. An annual newsletter is published to keep members informed of its activities. At present, in addition to the annual general meeting, there is an annual summer occasion, often in a member's garden, and autumn event, all organised to bring members together and to raise funds for the Friends of Banham Church.

IF YOU FEEL SYMPATHY WITH THESE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES DO PLEASE JOIN US

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GIFT AID DECLARATION



Full Name:

Address:

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.....Post code

I wish the Friends of Banham Church (Registered Charity Number 1060217) to treat as Gift Aid donations, my annual subscription and all additional gifts I may make from the date of this declaration until I notify you to the contrary.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities (including churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature Date.....

Completed forms should be returned to:

The Treasurer, Daphne Griffith, Priory Cottage, The Green, Banham. NR16 2AA

Notes:

1. You can cancel this declaration at anytime by notifying the charity. It will then not apply to donations you may make on or after the date of cancellation.
 2. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims you can cancel your declaration.
 3. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid relief, ask the Treasure or you can ask your local tax office for leaflet IR113 Gift Aid.
 4. Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to due, you must include all your gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.
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BANKERS STANDING ORDER

To: The Manager.....(Bank)
Address
.....Post Code.....

Please pay to Lloyds TSB plc, 17 St Nicholas Street, Diss, Norfolk (sort code 30-92-67)
for the account of The Friends of Banham Church (0351751) the sum of £.....
(figures) beginning on 20..... (State start date of order) and thereafter on
the 1st January of each year until further notice by me.
Please debit my account in accordance with the above instructions

Signature
Name (Block Capitals)
Account NoSort Code
Address
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