

PLEASE DETACH THIS SECTION
BANKER'S ORDER

Please complete this form in **block capitals** and using a **black pen** and return it with your Membership application to the:

**Membership Secretary, The Friends of St Chad's,
1 St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX**

If eligible, have you completed the Gift Aid Declaration?

To: Bank

Address:

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Account No:

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Please pay to the account of
THE FRIENDS OF ST CHAD'S SHREWSBURY:

Sort Code: 77-27-01

Account No: 33743168

The sum of £..... now and on this date monthly/annually.
[delete whichever is inapplicable]. This instruction cancels any previous order in favour of The Friends of St Chad's.

Signature:

Date:

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME IN BLOCK CAPITALS:

PLEASE REPEAT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:

[to ensure accuracy and legibility]

THE MEMORIAL FUND

The Memorial Fund is an integral part of The Friends of St Chad's.

An extract from The Friends' Constitution

"The Charity, wishing to provide for the future preservation, adornment and maintenance of the building and for the repair of the fabric, has established a Memorial Fund as a permanent endowment to be held in perpetuity. Any monies [including donations, legacies and grants] paid directly to the Memorial Fund shall be held in deposits and investments separate from the other funds in the Charity and shall be shown in the Charity's Accounts as Restricted Funds."

The Fund looks to obtaining legacies and other donations allowing safe investment in reputable financial institutions.

The original donation remains; only the interest is used to keep the church building intact. The Memorial Fund particularly has helped meet the cost of repairs to the portico, Nave roof, to the tower and tower pilaster.

Lifetime donations, augmented by Gift Aid, and legacies will mean that your money will allow long-term maintenance of this beautiful building and will be an ongoing memorial for the future.

If you would like to leave a bequest to The Friends of St Chad's Shrewsbury's Memorial Fund, you should seek professional advice. The following form of bequest is suggested:

"I give free of inheritance tax the sum of £..... (sum in numbers) £..... (sum in words) to The Friends of St Chad's Shrewsbury [Registered Charity Number 512994] of 1 St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX for its Memorial Fund and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of said Charity shall be good and sufficient discharge for the same."

The **Memorial Book**, in the Nave, records the names of those who have made a donation, a bequest or in whose memory a donation has been made to the Memorial Fund.

Names of loved ones can be inscribed in the Memorial Book for a **minimum** donation of £100.

Cheques etc. should be made payable to:
The Friends of St Chad's Shrewsbury – Memorial Fund.

THE FRIENDS OF ST CHAD'S SHREWSBURY

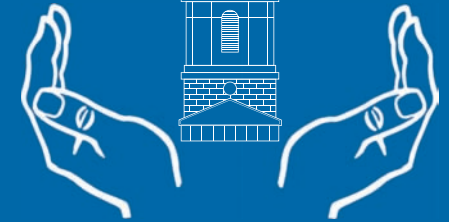
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Email friends@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com

[www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/
building-for-the-future/friends-of-st-chads/](http://www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/building-for-the-future/friends-of-st-chads/)

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 512994

The Friends of St Chad's



SHREWSBURY



St Chad's is an iconic Grade I Listed Building in that it is the only circular Georgian church in the country which retains its original interior

"One of the most important Georgian Churches in England"

HISTORIC ENGLAND



Help us in supporting further the conservation of this unique building

The parish dates back to Saxon times. Our early 13th C church was in Belmont – about 400m away. Thomas Telford forewarned that the tower was in imminent danger of collapse and early one Sunday morning in 1788 the chimes of the clock brought the tower down wrecking the empty building.

The foundation stone for its successor – an imposing circular design created by George Steuart – was laid on St Chad's Day, 2 March 1790 and the new church opened on 19 August 1792.

Charles Darwin, Shrewsbury's most famous son, was baptised in St Chad's in 1809.

For over 200 years the present St Chad's has contributed to the distinctive skyline of Shrewsbury, playing an important role as the Civic and Military Church in the County Town.

Historian, tourist, passer-by or committed Christian – all can enjoy visiting St Chad's which is also a well-known venue for concerts, lectures and recitals with lunchtime concerts on most Fridays throughout the year and on some Tuesdays. St Chad's is rightly proud of its fine, long-standing musical and cultural tradition. For more information visit: www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/music/concerts

The Friends fundraise constantly, notably during the Shrewsbury Flower Show and at the St Chad's Christmas Tree Festival. Other events including lectures are listed on our website.

Old buildings, like St Chad's, need constant maintenance to ensure that they survive for future generations to enjoy. Unlike national monuments, churches rarely receive government funding.

The Friends will continue the work to preserve, enhance and conserve the building for the next 200 years.

There is always much to do, and so much The Friends plan to do – so come and join us!

THE FRIENDS OF ST CHAD'S SHREWSBURY

The Friends was inaugurated on 8 March 1982 to achieve three Objectives in co-operation with the Parochial Church Council of St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury [the PCC]:

- the preservation, adornment and general maintenance of St Chad's Church;*
- the repair of fabric, furnishings and ornaments; and*
- promoting public interest in the building, its history and cultural activities.*

Whereas the future of St Chad's Church is best assured by its continued use as a place of worship, the purposes of The Friends of St Chad's, an independent charity, are more temporal than spiritual. Our aim is to encourage links between all who share an interest in and support St Chad's as an iconic and unique Georgian building in Georgian Shrewsbury.

OUR MISSION

Our Mission is therefore to raise funds for the material upkeep of the church, rather than for its religious activities, from anyone who (like us) admires and values St Chad's Church and does not want it to fall into disrepair. Our independence ensures that this aim cannot be overridden. Since its inauguration, the Friends have made grants for ongoing repairs in excess of £100,000. In recent years the Friends have paid for restoration to one of the stained-glass windows and have provided a state-of-the-art PA system to improve the sound quality – from Services to concerts to school Speech Days; a new organ pipe dehumidifier and making the building more user-friendly.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all those who wish to support the Objects of The Friends.

We also look to increase knowledge of our work through social meetings, events and a regular Newsletter, communicating wherever possible electronically.

Friends are invited to the AGM as well as a number of fund-raising events throughout the year – which are advertised on the Friends' website:

www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/building-for-the-future/friends-of-st-chads/

Membership may either be Annual, by subscription, or Life Membership by a single payment – details are shown on the next page.

Please complete the Application Form, and, if appropriate the Gift Aid Declaration, and Banker's Order on the reverse and return to:

**The Membership Secretary - The Friends of St Chad's,
1 St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX**

I would like to become a Friend of St Chad's Shrewsbury

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone:

e-mail:

Date:

PLEASE TICK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

Annual Membership

- Single minimum £10 Joint minimum £15

Please now complete the Standing Order form over which greatly reduces our administrative costs. Thank you.

Life Membership

- Single £100.00 Joint £160.00

Corporate Membership

- minimum £250 [a one-off payment]

Please make cheques payable to The Friends of St Chad's.

CHARITY GIFT AID DECLARATION

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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to: The Friends of St Chad's. Registered Charity No: 512994.*

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, 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.

