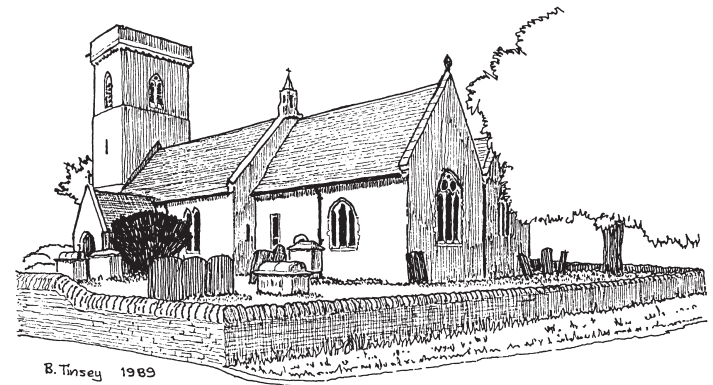


# FRIENDS OF ST BRITIUS



**This leaflet explains the aims and objectives of the  
"Friends of St Britius".**

Present and past residents of Brize Norton and those associated with the village and the nearby RAF Base appreciate the importance of the church within the village. The building has stood for nearly 1000 years and countless numbers have worshipped in the church on a regular basis, at our Special Services (Christmas, Easter, Harvest & Remembrance Services) and on Special Occasions: family christenings, weddings, memorial and funeral services. Friends of St Britius wish to preserve St Britius Church and ensure its future.

**Friends of St Britius**

To be a "Friend of St Britius" you don't have to be a member of the Church of England, you simply value St Britius Church and its role in the life of Brize Norton.

If St Britius Church is to continue to function and play an important role in Brize Norton then we need to worry about a number of things, amongst which are:

- Having a roof over our heads
- A better heating system
- Ensuring the safety and future use of the bells
- Providing accommodation in the vestry for the Sunday Club
- Attracting more visitors to the Church
- Looking after the churchyard

We have been patching up the roof of the church, but now we need to do major work. Being a Grade 2\* listed building a new roof will require Cotswold Slates and will cost well in excess of £200,000. It is now too dangerous to ring the bells in church. The bell cage needs replacing in order to use the bells for services and weddings.

We are welcoming many more to the church with an increased number of weddings and in other ways. The Laying up of the RAF 99 Squadron Standard and the new side chapel cements our link with RAF Brize Norton. We want to open our church to all those associated with the RAF Base now and in the past. In doing so we will need volunteers to look after the church when it is open to visitors.

So with the Friends of St Britius we can not only communicate with but also involve a wider group of people who see and value the church building and keep them informed about the Church.

Please use the form to renew your subscription if you are already a Friend or to join the Friends. Friends receive a quarterly newsletter with all the information you need to support our events. More information will be posted on our web site at [www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof](http://www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof). Contact Dr Phil Holmes 01933 843856 for further explanation or queries.

We encourage you to use Gift Aid for your subscription so we can claim the tax yielding 22 pence in the £1 and therefore turning a £10 subscription into £12.20 courtesy of HM Government.



*Please detach and use this form to renew your subscription or join the "Friends of St Britius"*

First Name:

Surname:

Title:

Full Postal Address:

Postcode:

Email Address:

Telephone:

*Please Tick*

Please renew my membership of Friends of St Britius (*at least £10*)

*or*

I wish to join the "Friends of St Britius" and I agree to pay at least £10 annual subscription.

I would like St Britius Church to treat the enclosed subscription as a Gift Aid Donation. I confirm that I am a UK Tax Payer and do pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed on this donation.

I am happy for the Church to keep the above personal details on file under the UK Data Protection Act. I understand that my personal data will not be used for any purpose other than the work of the Church.

Cheques should be made payable to Brize Norton PCC. Monies can also be paid through online banking to Brize Norton PCC. Bank Sort Code 20-97-48 Acct No. 20205559 or through a standing order or direct debit.

Signed:

Dated:

Completed membership forms together with your subscription should be returned to the Treasurer, Dr Phil Holmes at Church Farm House, Carterton Road, Brize Norton.