



Who We Are

St Mary's, Pulborough, has stood on its present site for 800 years. It has been the centre of village community life throughout those centuries. As a Grade 1 Listed Building it is important that the integrity of its structure is maintained.

The Friends of Pulborough Parish Church is being re-established to raise funds for the fabric of the building and to foster a greater sense of responsibility in the community for its own iconic building.

We are asking you to join us by signing up as a member of the Friends so that we can resume this process of support. There will be a succession of events designed both to entertain and to raise funds. We hope that you would like to join us.

BECOME A FRIEND OF PULBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH

Become a Friend of St Mary's and receive priority access to events and regular updates on the work of the Friends

Type of membership

- Annual membership (£20 per year)
- One-off donation Amount

Title: _____ Name: _____
 Address: _____

 Postcode: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

Consent for retention and use of personal data:

I consent to the personal information on this form being securely kept by the Friends of Pulborough Parish Church

I consent to details being used to send me information of activities, events, and information relevant to the Friends of Pulborough Parish Church

If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please sign the following statement:

I am a UK taxpayer and I want the Friends of Pulborough Parish Church to reclaim the Gift Aid on this and future donations.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

What do I do next?

Please detach this slip and send, with your Cheque payable to **Friends of Pulborough Parish Church** and post to Flat 1, 65 Lower Street, Pulborough, RH20 2AZ

Alternatively, set up a Standing Order or one-off payment to Account Name: PCC of Pulborough - Friends of St.Mary's Church Pulborough.

Sort Code: 30-92-92 Account Number: 00945777.

Please put your surname as reference in the Standing Order or online payment.

You can also join online by scanning this QR code:



Help us to celebrate and preserve a historic building in the heart of Pulborough

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Church Treasures

We have highlighted here a few of the treasures of our church in order to give you a flavour of what it contains. You can find a complete guide written by Mary Dennis Smith held on our website.

THE FONT

This is probably the oldest artifact in the church, thought to be Norman in origin. This means you are admiring a Purbeck marble bowl made some 1300 years ago. Did the craftsman who made it envision the countless baptisms it would witness over the centuries? It survived being discarded by the Puritans but lost its marble supports and canopy (which protected the Holy Water). Visitors can admire the arcade of arches around its rim..



THE ORGAN

We have a rather special organ for our size of church: it has a broad spectrum of sound. It arrived in St. Mary's in 1960, but was stored in the Lady Chapel until restoration and installation in 2000. Unusually, both the organ and choir stalls sit at the west end, not in the chancel like most churches. Bryceson of Cornwall crafted this instrument. We're fortunate to possess such a high-quality organ for worship and community events.



THE BELLS

St. Mary's started with five bells, and Bell House was originally The Five Bells Pub. Three bells joined to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, forming the current peal of eight. The oldest bell, from 1636 in Charles I's reign, serves as the Sanctus bell. Additionally, we have a set of 24 hand bells, some over 100 years old. Our dedicated team of bellringers upholds this ancient tradition.



The Friends of Pulborough Parish Church operates under the umbrella of The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Pulborough which is a charity registered under number 1132137

Events

Since our Launch in December 2022, the Friends (FPPC) have held a succession of events which have included a Launch Party at Champs Hill and a Come and Sing Messiah Workshop in St Mary's led by Peter Allwood, a presentation entitled 'War and Peace' in which the war artist Gordon Rushmer talked about his wonderful watercolours of war zones and Sussex churches. We were able to view and purchase his pictures.



We also held a Pulborough and Nutbourne Open Gardens event over a June weekend this year. (This will be repeated on the weekend of 15/16 June 2024.) Our twin aims of raising funds for the fabric of the church and promoting community in the Parish of Pulborough have got off to a good start with these events. We currently have over 50 paid-up members of the Friends as a result.

Our next series of events are in preparation and will include another Come and Sing Workshop and a Barn Dance. Keep checking on our website to keep up to date with future events.

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