

# FAQ's

## For The Friends of St. Mary Magdalene Church In Longfield

**What is a Friends Group?** It is a group of people who have a shared interest in our church, buildings and grounds and want to make the church a community hub for Longfield. They provide financial support through donations and fund raising or practical help with things like basic building maintenance and special events, such as concerts, art exhibitions and educational tours.

**Who would want to be a Friend?** Everyone and anyone! Anyone who has a special interest in our church may want to be a Friend.

You may be people who already have a connection with the church through being baptised or married here or who have relatives buried in the churchyard.

You could be people from the wider community who have no connection with the church but want to help keep it because you value its historical, architectural or archaeological significance.

You may even have Friends who want to be "future users" of our church – people who want to get married here or have their children baptised.

It may even inspire you to join the worshipping community!

**Who can get involved in the Friends group?** - Everyone who makes up our community:

- Longfield families, couples & singles... all ages
- Residents, visitors...connecting those who've moved away
- Local businesses, trades & farms
- Members of local societies with an interest in history
- Organisations linked to any person or interest connected with the church

**What activities do/could the Friends organise?**

- BBQ party in the Churchyard (could be sponsored)

- Cheese & Wine served after a service for the Friends outside in the church grounds

(Food and wine from locally produced businesses where possible)

- Local Artists art exhibition in the Jubilee Hall
- Historical tour of the church and grounds
- History lectures on British and local history

### **Who are we?**

- An independent charity, working with St. Mary Magdelene Church in Longfield
- Our aim is to support the Church in the upkeep of the church buildings and grounds, and to participate in Community activities to help you make new friends, and to socialise with, and help, each other!

### **Is there a subscription payment?**

- No, the Friends entirely rely on voluntary contributions from its members

### **Can I join or leave the Friends at any time without problems?**

- Yes, you can leave or join the Friends at any time you wish, there is no obligation either way.