

Friends of St Barnabas and St James

Section A (continued)

The sum of £

Amount in words

Commencing on the.....day of20.....

And the same amount every*month/quarter/year until further notice and debit my account with each payment when made. *delete as appropriate

This instruction cancels all previous instructions in favour of the above named Friends of St Barnabas and St James.

Signed Date.....

Address.....

Post Code Email.....

Section B (continued)

Notes

1. Please notify the treasurer if you:
Want to cancel this declaration
Change your name or address
No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to the basic rate tax, currently 20%, which allows charities to reclaim 25p for every £1 donated
2. 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 HMRC to adjust your tax code.

Please return **Section B** to:

Richard C Bareham, FOSBSJ Treasurer
14 Hawlmark End, Marks Tey, Colchester, CO6 1NF
Email richdcb@aol.com



St James the Less Church, Little Tey

Photo: Godfrey Bartlett



St Barnabas Church, Great Tey

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Who are the Friends?

Many of us remember the gale of 1987. St Barnabas suffered substantial damage. The 14thC east window had to be taken out, repaired and put back. The roof had a large hole in it. In addition, repairs and maintenance costs were rising all the time.

The congregation was finding it harder and harder to meet these costs.

It was decided to ask for help in looking after the fabric from anyone, whether or not they were regular members of the congregation. The Friends of St Barnabas was set up to allow this to happen.

More recently the parish of St James the Less, Little Tey and that of St Barnabas, Great Tey became joint parishes.

The Friends now help look after the fabric of both churches.

How we do it

We keep the administration of the Friends as simple as possible.

Current Friends give between £100 and £1,000 per year depending on their circumstances. We use gift aid to recover tax.

We meet once a year for the AGM, a pleasant social event. The accounts and the chairman's report are presented and members have the chance to ask any questions they may have.

What we do

Giving grants

Over the last 15 years or so, the Friends have given £65,000 to help keep the two churches in good repair, including;

St Barnabas

Repairs to the bells

The church tower has 8 bells. The bells and the frame that supports them needed repairing. The tower itself is now thought to date from before the Norman Conquest, it is probably the best example of a Romanesque tower in Essex.

Recent repairs and redecoration of the interior of the church,

Substantial scaffolding was required before repairs to plasterwork, lighting and redecoration could happen.

St James the Less

Renewing the floor

In recent years the floor of this very special 12th century mediaeval church consisted of painted concrete. Now it has been replaced with local pammments.

Protecting 13th and 14th Century Wall Paintings

Extensive work has been done to reduce damage from rising damp to these important wall paintings.

How you can help

We invite you to join us and help maintain the fabric of our churches. To do this **please:**

Fill in Section A send to your bank

Fill in Section B (if appropriate) and return to our Treasurer (see overleaf)

Section A

Standing Order- Information for Bank

Name of Bank

Name of Acc. Holder

.....

Branch Sort Code

My Acc. No

Please pay, by Standing Order, the Friends of St Barnabas and St James at Barclays Bank, PO Box 3692, Witham, CM8 2AT, Sort Code 20 - 97 - 40, Account No. 00786527

VERY IMPORTANT CONTINUED OVERLEAF

Section B

Gift Aid Declaration

Completing this declaration will increase your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

I would like the Friends of St Barnabas and St James to reclaim the tax on all my donations made in the past 4 years until further notice. I am a UK tax payer 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.

Title Full Name

Address

..... Post Code

Signature Date

Please see notes over leaf