

Form of Application for Membership

I wish to join the **Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe**. I am willing to donate an Annual /Life /Business (*delete as necessary*) Member subscription of £ and enclose a Banker's Order / cheque (made payable to "Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe").

Name Signature Date

Email address (please print).....

Please return this completed form to:

Brinley Hughes, *Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe*, Beech House, Castle Road, Hythe, Kent CT21 5EZ

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Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe

Gift Aid Code: ELHYF

Gift Aid Declaration (*Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.*)

Title Forename(s) Surname

Home Address Postcode

I want to gift aid my donations from this tax year onwards (*tick box if appropriate*).

I want to gift aid all the donations I have made in the previous four tax years (*tick box if appropriate*).

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.

Date Signature

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Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Standing Order

Insert details of your Bank or Building Society

To: The Manager Bank/Building Society

Address

..... Postcode

Please pay to: "Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe" (Account number 09241299; Sort code 52-41-42)
NatWest Bank Plc, 75 High Street, Hythe, Kent CT21 5JQ

the sum of £ annually on until further notice.
(insert date of first payment)

Donor's full name (*please print*):

My address Postcode

My sort code: - My account number:

This order cancels any existing order in force in favour of "Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe".

Signature Date

FRIENDS OF ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, HYTHE

(REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 282249)



Join our association of Friends and help to maintain the fabric of this old and beautiful church, which is both an historic landmark and a centre of community life and musical activity within our town.

Our heritage and its maintenance

For at least 900 years the people of Hythe have seen St Leonard's Church standing on the hillside as a symbol of all that is best in their heritage. Successive generations have cared for the church, but there are no large endowments and the cost of maintenance must be met by raising funds locally. St Leonard's has to be inspected every five years by a diocesan architect who recommends spending that he considers necessary and sets the priorities. The need for repairs may also arise due to the effects of unforeseen events, such as storm damage or earthquakes!

How the Friends help

The ***Friends of St Leonard's Church, Hythe***, an organisation with charitable status, came into being in 1981 to "promote the care, restoration, preservation, repair, improvement and beautification of the Parish Church and of the fabric, fittings, organ, pianos and other musical instruments, ornaments, furniture, monuments, fixtures, stained glass and documents in the church and belonging to the church". The ***Friends*** is an independent organisation, separate from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) that is legally responsible for the upkeep of St Leonard's. The PCC can and does, however, approach the ***Friends*** for help. The ***Friends'*** Executive Committee (elected at Annual General Meetings) decides whether to provide assistance for any particular purpose.

What the Friends do

The ***Friends of St Leonard's Church*** decided from the outset that it would not be just one more body asking for money every twelve months. Instead it would play an active role in the community by arranging a variety of events throughout the year, mainly in the church itself. These include concerts of a wide range of types, many of which are given by professional musicians. Special emphasis has been placed on performers from the major London colleges of music. These and other artistic events have led to St Leonard's establishing a reputation as the prime cultural centre in Hythe. They all help to raise money for the causes supported by the ***Friends***.

Membership

The appeal of the ***Friends of St Leonard's*** is to everyone who cares for the beauty and traditions of this church building, whether or not they are resident in Hythe. Whilst many members of the regular church congregation have become members, the ***Friends*** was specifically set up to enable a much broader range of individuals and businesses to contribute and to have a say in how funds are spent. After all, most people who live in Hythe, work here or visit are concerned to see that we pass on our town and its historic buildings to future generations in the same good condition that we received them from our forebears.

You can help by becoming:

- an ***Annual Member*** for a minimum subscription of £10.00 for an individual membership, or a minimum of £20.00 for joint membership for partners;
- a ***Life Member*** for a minimum subscription of £75.00 for an individual membership, or a minimum of £100.00 for joint membership for partners;
- a ***Business Member*** for an annual minimum subscription of £20.00.

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Castle Road, Hythe CT21 5EZ.

You may pay by Banker's Standing Order, in which case please complete the accompanying form and also Gift Aid Declaration, which will enable us to reclaim tax on your subscription without any additional liability to yourself.