



# Membership Secretary's Report

We lost a net twenty regular subscribers during the last three years, a 15% drop, leaving us with 112 members. On average each of these Friends subscribes £9.73 (some at £12 and others on the old rate £6). In addition, some of these Friends make extra donations and we claim gift aid on many. In total, income from subscribing Friends was £2,386 last year, a small increase over the year before. For this most generous support from members, our charity is very grateful indeed.

It was rather disappointing that we gained no new members during the June Flower Festival, when 177 people visited the show. It is clear that potential new friends usually apply to join following a conversation with an existing Friend, so please try to create some of these "recruiting" conversations for us. The Friends, as a purely parish-bound charity, can appeal to about 800 local households and we plan to advertise again in the Parish Magazine to attract newcomers. If you are reading this and not already a Friend of Leeds & Broomfield Churches, please give me a call and help us keep up the good and valuable work on our two church buildings.

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## **MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION**

I / We wish to become /remain a member(s) of the 'Friends of Leeds & Broomfield Churches'.

(Please print)

Full Name(s): .....

Address: .....

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..... Post Code: .....

E-mail address: .....

Telephone No+AreaCode: .....

I enclose a cheque for £..... (or complete the attached Banker's Order).

## **GIFT AID DECLARATION**

**I / We want the 'Friends' to be able to reclaim Tax on my / our subscription / donation.**

Give more at no extra cost to yourself! The Gift Aid scheme means that the 'Friends' can reclaim tax on any subscription / donation you make to us. This will increase each amount you give by 28p in the £1, provided you have paid sufficient UK Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax to cover this amount. To enable the 'Friends' to reclaim the tax on any subscription / donation you make, please sign and date below:

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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## **BANKER'S ORDER**

*Please complete this form and send it to our Treasurer Jan Enever, 23 Grovelands, Old Ashford Road, Lenham ME17 2QR who will forward it to your bank.*

To the Manager:

Name of Bank: .....

Sort Code: ..... - ..... - .....

Address of Bank: .....

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..... Post Code: .....

Please pay the sum of £.....immediately and then on 1<sup>st</sup> January annually until further notice.

To NatWest Bank, 130 Ashford Road, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 4AF, Sort Code 51-70-55, for the account of the 'Friends of Leeds and Broomfield Churches', Account No: 81990588.

From my account :

Account Name: .....

Account No: .....

Name: .....

Address: .....

.....Post Code.....:

Signed: .....

Date: .....