

Friends of Reach Church

The aim of the Friends group is to raising enough money on a regular basis to ensure that our running costs are met, without recourse to reserves. Any additional sums raised will be used for repairs and improvements.



We would ask our Friends to provide a **regular, annual donation**. The amount is not important, if we get enough people supporting us then we will soon be able to cover our current annual shortfall. Friends don't have to be churchgoers - they can be anyone who loves Reach and who wants to do what they can to ensure we don't lose our lovely church.

Friends **will receive** information about church events, an annual newsletter and an invitation to an annual Service of Thanksgiving for St Etheldreda's Day, in June each year.

If you are interested, please detach this form and send it to: **Terry Chalmers, PCC Treasurer, 70 North Street, Burwell, Cambs, CB25 0BB**

Yes I would like to become a 'Friend of Reach Church.

Name.....

Address.....

.....Tel:.....

E:mail.....

I enclose my annual donation of £..... (please specify)

I am a UK Tax payer and would like to Gift Aid my donation. Please send me a Gift Aid declaration form.

I wish to pay my donation regularly. Please send me a Standing Order form.

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St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach



The Building

The current church of St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity stands on the site of a much earlier chapel, built in 1378, a single ruined arch of which still remains.

The church as it is today was built in 1860. From 1861 to 1909 the building was also used as the village school. After fire damage in 1958 the inside of the church was redesigned to today's layout.



Financial position

The annual running costs for Reach church are about £6,000. In addition to income from collections, regular giving and fees, Reach church relies heavily on fundraising to meet its expenses. In recent years, however, there has been a shortfall of income, and we've had to draw between £1,000 - £2,000 each year from the reserves in our legacy fund. Clearly these reserves won't last forever.

In addition to the day to day expenses, the church is currently in need of some major repairs and needs to raise £25,000. Although we hope to raise most of this through grants, some may need to come from the reserves.



The Church and the Village

The building has always been there for everyone, as and when needed, and many residents choose the church for weddings, funerals or baptisms, when it is packed to capacity. The monthly CentrePeace @ Reach afternoons and various social and fundraising events, like the church barbeque and the harvest supper are always well supported and enjoyed.



In order to address our shortfalls in funding and to secure the future of our church, we are setting up a **The Friends of Reach Church.**

Please can you help?

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