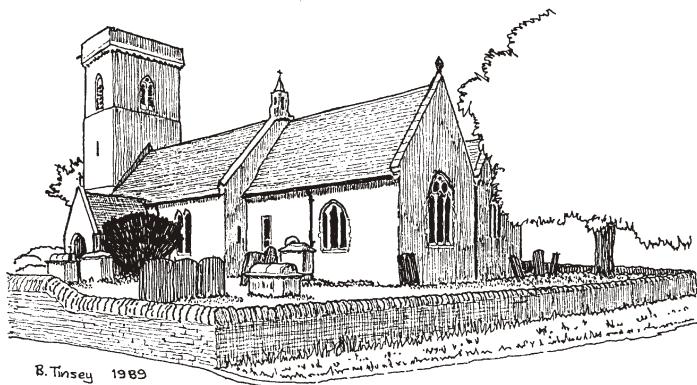


# FRIENDS OF ST BRITIUS



**January 2010**

This leaflet re-introduces "Friends of St Britius" and explains its aims and objectives.

Present and past residents of Brize Norton and those associated with the village and the nearby RAF Base appreciate the importance of the church within the village. The building has stood for nearly 1000 years and countless numbers have worshipped in the church on a regular basis, at our Special Services (Christmas, Easter, Harvest & Remembrance Services) and on Special Occasions: family christenings, weddings, memorial and funeral services. Friends of St Britius wish to preserve St Britius Church and ensure its future.

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*Please detach and use this form to join "Friends of St Britius"*

First Name:

Surname:

Title:

Full Postal Address:

Postcode:

Email Address:

Telephone:

*Please Tick*

I am happy for the Church to keep the above personal details on file under the UK Data Protection Act and would like to receive periodical communications related to the Friends of St Britius. I understand that my personal data will not be used for any purpose other than the work of the Church. I wish to join the "Friends of St Britius".

I agree to pay at least £10 annual subscription preferably by gift aid (details on the gift aid envelope). We encourage you to use our gift aid envelopes for your subscription/donation so we can claim the tax yielding 28 pence in the £ and therefore turning a £10 subscription into £12.82 for the Roof Project.

Cheques should be made payable to Brize Norton PCC. Monies can also be paid through online banking to Brize Norton PCC. Bank Sort Code 20-97-48 Acct No. 20205559

Signed:

Dated:

Completed membership forms together with your subscription should be returned to the Treasurer, Dr Phil Holmes at Church Farm House, Carterton Road, Brize Norton. Tel. 843856 for further information.

## **Friends of St Britius**

To be a “Friend of St Britius” you don't have to be a member of the Church of England, you simply value St Britius Church and its role in the life of Brize Norton.

If St Britius Church is to continue to function and play an important role in Brize Norton then we need to worry about a number of things, amongst which are:

- Having a roof over our heads
- Ensuring the safety and future use of the bells
- Providing accommodation in the vestry for the Sunday Club
- Attracting more visitors to the Church
- A better heating system
- Looking after the churchyard

We have been patching up the roof of the church, but now we need to do major work. Being a Grade 2\* listed building a new roof will require Cotswold Slates and will cost £113,000.

With care we can ring the bells in church for special occasions. The bell cage will need replacing in the long term or if we want to use the bells more frequently or invite novices or visitors to ring the bells.

We are welcoming many more to the church with an increased number of weddings and in other ways. The Laying up of the RAF 99 Squadron Standard and the new side chapel cements our link with RAF Brize Norton. We want to open our church to all those associated with the RAF Base now and in the past. In doing so we will need volunteers to look after the church when it is open to visitors.

We have completed our first project - bringing in water and providing a toilet and kitchen. In the meantime the roof has deteriorated further so this must be our next priority.

So with the Friends of St Britius we can not only communicate with but also involve a wider group of people who see and value the church building and keep them informed about the Church.

Please use the form to join and register your interest. More information will be posted on our web site at [www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof](http://www.brizenorton.org.uk/stbritiusroof). If you would like to join one of the three working parties: fund raising, grants or publicity, you would be most welcome.