

The Friends of Malvern Priory, formed in 1948, have for some years contributed to the funding of the repair and maintenance of the church

and look forward, with support from members, to continuing this work and to furthering the beauty and amenities of the church and churchyard. Other work includes donation of the 'Millenium' windows, some furnishings and printing some booklets.

The Friends are strictly non-denominational and have members, not only in the Malvern district, but in many other parts of Britain and countries throughout the world.

Malvern Priory, founded in 1085, is one of the finest English parish churches, in the Perpendicular Gothic style externally and with a largely Norman nave. It is especially notable for the finest collection of medieval tiles in the country, over a thousand of them, in many different designs.

The stained glass windows are outstanding. Those dating from the fifteenth century are remarkable both for their beauty and their number. The transept window, a gift from Henry VII, contains a portrait of Prince Arthur, his eldest son, which is thought to be the only contemporary likeness. The West window, a gift from Richard III, originally depicted a 'doom' or last judgement. The Victorian windows, one by Kempe, and a jubilee window which depicts Kaiser Wilhelm II amongst the Queen's grandsons, are notable. The two 'Millenium' windows by Thomas Denny are amongst the finest of the Second Elizabethan era.

Many of the monks' misericord seats in the chancel are both amusing and fine examples of medieval wood-carving. Among other objects of interest in the Priory are the exceptional groups of statuary forming the Knotsford tomb, which is of the Tudor period, two elegant sculptured memorials by the Victorian artist Peter Hollins and in St. Ann's Chapel, two modern statues by Panchieri. The organ-case was made from wood grown in Malvern Chase.

By keeping the annual subscription as low as possible the Friends hope to add to their number and to provide a common bond of interest for future generations.

The Friends cordially invite you to join them.

FRIENDS OF MALVERN PRIORY

➤ Please enrol me as a member:

I enclose my subscription:

- Life Member

- Annual Member (for the current year)

➤ Please accept my donation of £

NAME (in block letters please):

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Annual Subscription - £5.00 (Individual)

Life Membership - £50.00 (Individual) and £80 (Couple)

Please treat all donations I have made since April 2000 and all donations I make hereafter as Gift Aid donations and reclaim tax thereon.

I note that I must be liable to pay and do pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the amount of tax you will reclaim

Signed

Date

Cheques should be made payable to "Friends of Malvern Priory"

and sent to,
or delivered with this form to

The Parish Office

Church Street

Great Malvern

Worcestershire

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or handed to the Custos
(Head Verger) in the Priory

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