

Use by the community

- At special times of need, people come into St Alkmund's, sensing that it is a place where reflection and prayer can take place and comfort be found.
- The Civic Remembrance Service is held in St Alkmund's each November, with hundreds of people present.
- St Alkmund's hosts concerts, and organises special events such as the Crib Festival.
- The Crib Services on Christmas Eve are attended by more than 900 people each year.
- Most funeral services and baptisms in Whitchurch take place in St Alkmund's, as do many weddings. Generations of Whitchurch families have had these services and therefore have strong links with St Alkmund's.
- These links are also present through the Junior and Nursery / Infant Schools and Sir John Talbot's School which use the church regularly, as do other schools in the town.

Visitors

- The number of visitors is considerable: in 2022, 462 people signed the Visitors' Book and only a fraction of visitors do so.
- These people also use the shops, pubs and cafés in the town and so are important for our economy.

For reasons such as these, we hope that you will consider becoming a Friend and helping to secure St Alkmund's church building, grounds and parish hall for the future.

To enrol as a Friend for a minimum annual outlay of £15 for an individual, £25 for a family or £50 for corporate membership, please complete the form inside and return as detailed.

For more information, please email
Alex Williamson on msfosaw@yahoo.co.uk

Membership form for The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch

Registered charity number 1151968

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(BLOCK CAPITALS) Title: Name(s)

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Address:

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Postcode: Tel. No:

email address:

Membership:

Individual £15.00 Family £25.00 Corporate £50.00

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Please complete the Gift Aid declaration if you pay tax

I wish The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch to treat all donations I have made over the last four years, including this current year, and all future donations until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid Donations.

I confirm that I will pay an amount of income and/or capital gains tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) at least equal to the tax that all the charities (including churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I will notify the Charity of any changes in my personal details, and if I cease to pay sufficient tax on my income or capital gains.

I understand that the Charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give after 6 April 2022.

I may cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Charity in writing: it will not then apply to donations I make after such a notification.

Signed Date.....

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Payment details

You may pay your membership fee by any of the following methods. Bank details for The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch bank account are as follows:

Account name: The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch

Sort code: 20-77-85

Account number: 73735419

Reference: Member+*first part of your surname*

Please complete the details of your selected method of payment below and, when paying by standing order or bank transfer, please insert the word 'member' together with the first part of your surname in the reference:

PAYMENT BY STANDING ORDER: I confirm that I have arranged with my bank to set up a standing order to The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch bank account, details of which are set out above, for £....., with the first payment to be taken on [*insert date of first payment*] and subsequent payments of £..... annually on [*insert date for future annual payments*].

PAYMENT BY BANK TRANSFER: I confirm that I have arranged with my bank to transfer to The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch bank account, details of which are set out above, the sum of £....., being the membership fee due for the first year of membership.

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE: I confirm that I enclose with this membership form a cheque for £..... made payable to: The Friends of St Alkmund's Whitchurch

Please return this completed form to: The Membership Secretary,
Mrs A Williamson, care of The Rectory, Church Street, Whitchurch,
Shropshire SY13 1LB (msfosaw@yahoo.co.uk)