

SINGLE DONATION:

I would like to make a single donation of £ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

My one-off donation is enclosed by cheque/has been paid into the nominated bank account with the following reference: _____. (delete as applicable)

Payment By Cheque

Please make cheques payable to:

The Friends of St Nicholas, Stevenage

and send to the Hon Treasurer: Dr Robin Bailey,
162 York, Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 4HQ

Payment By direct bank transfer

Please pay into the following account:

Account Name: **Friends of St Nicholas**

Sort Code: **20 41 12** Account Number: **70144061**

Please be sure to add your name as a reference

Gift Aid Form

Boost your donations & subscriptions by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is able to be reclaimed by the Friends of St Nicholas' from the tax you pay for the current tax year. If you wish the Friends to reclaim Gift Aid on your donation please complete this form.

I want to Gift Aid this donation and any donation I make in the future, or have made in the past to the Friends of St Nicholas' Stevenage. I am a UK tax payer and I understand that if I pay less Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed, then it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

Full Name: _____

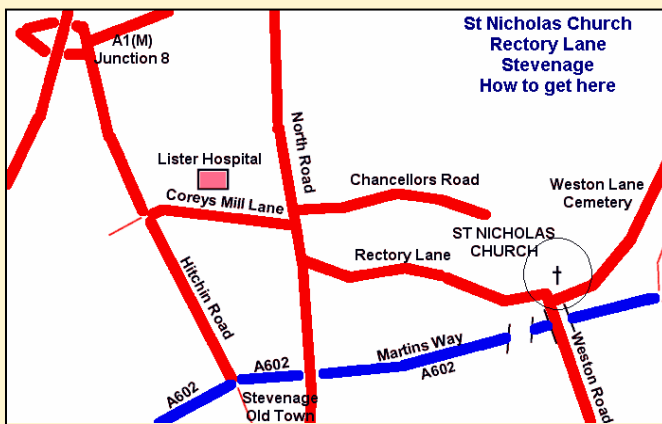
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Signature: _____ Date: _____

LOCATION:

Rectory Lane, Stevenage. SG 1 4DA



THE FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS STEVENAGE
IS A REGISTERED CHARITY

No 1006512

THE TRUSTEES

Dr Robin Bailey (Hon Treasurer)

Revd David M Brown (Rector)

Don Cooper

Paul Drakes

Peter Gordon (Chairman),

Jane Luff

June Pitcher

Your personal data is in safe hands with the Friends of St
Nicholas Stevenage

*We shall use your personal details only for record keeping
and correspondence on behalf of this charity, and, where
relevant, for reclaiming Gift Aid.*

We shall always protect your personal data.

An Invitation to Join The Friends of St Nicholas Church Stevenage



OUR HERITAGE
FOR THE FUTURE

ST NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH

St Nicholas Church is the oldest building in Stevenage. It is one of only two medieval churches in a town where most places of worship are less than fifty years old.

St Nicholas Church evokes many fond memories for those who have celebrated a wedding or baptism there. For others it is significant as a place of worship or as a resting place of loved ones in the surrounding churchyard.

There has been a church on this site since Saxon times. For over six centuries the towering spire has been a landmark for travellers on the Great North Road.

The current church building has developed from 1100.

1100-1125 - tower built, probably at the west end of an existing wooden Saxon church.

1200-1300 - nave built, with narrow side aisles.

1330-c1450 - nave aisles widened, Chancel, Trinity Chapel and Lady Chapel built and a spire added.

1400-1500 - clerestorey added and roofs replaced. Rood screen carved and installed.

1841 - extension built on to the south aisle.

1980 - south aisle extension converted for use as a Parish Room.

THE PRIDE OF STEVENAGE

The church is more than a place of worship for its congregation: it is an integral part of the fabric of the town which many local residents value as an asset to the community. As Stevenage has so few historic buildings, a visit to St Nicholas Church is of even greater significance to visitors.

THE CHURCHYARD

The three acre churchyard surrounding the church is well worth a visit. There are several species of trees with some ancient yews and a fine row of mature beech. Also to be found are rare plants and some interesting gravestones going back to the eighteenth century.

ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY TODAY

Of course St Nicholas Church is not just a historic building, but the home of a thriving community worshipping God. On Sundays and weekdays Christians gather, as they have done for almost 1000 years, to pray in the name of Jesus for the needs of the parish and the wider world. Through its ministry, the church seeks to nurture faith, encourage discipleship and provide pastoral care for the church family and all who come. Through baptisms, weddings and funerals, it helps to meet the spiritual needs of the wider community and those who wish to mark significant moments.

ENSURING THE FUTURE OF ST NICHOLAS

The parish of St Nicholas is now only a part of Stevenage when once it covered the whole town. The congregation has to meet the daily running costs of the building as well as the much greater burden of maintenance and restoration. The church is an important feature of the local landscape and many townspeople would be saddened if St Nicholas' were to fall into a state of disrepair.

THE FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS STEVENAGE

The Friends of St Nicholas provide a means whereby anybody concerned for the future of St Nicholas, whether a worshipper or not, can contribute to the upkeep of the church for the benefit of the whole community. This is a Charitable Trust registered with the Charity Commission—ref No. 1006512. Its purpose is to finance the preservation and restoration of the parish church of St Nicholas.

Members will receive newsletters which will include details of associated fund raising activities. Open days with conducted tours of the church will also be arranged from time to time. In the past, the Trust has held annual gatherings to report on the work of the Trust and to thank donors for the generosity. We hope to revive this practice!

MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM

(cut off and post)

The Trustees know that many townspeople, local institutions, businesses and others would like to contribute to the long term upkeep of St Nicholas Church. This can be done by:

- Individual subscription
- A gift subscription for friends or family
- Making a single donation
- Corporate sponsorship of Friends' fundraising events
- Making a legacy in your will

For just £25.00 a year you can become an Annual Subscribing Member of the Friends of St. Nicholas

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E-mail address: _____

**If you'd like to make a one off donation,
or would like to gift-aid your annual subscription,
please see overleaf.**