

## GIFT AID DECLARATION

This declaration enables the Friends to claim from the Inland Revenue tax on subscriptions and donations, increasing their value by almost a third without any extra cost to yourself.

I should like the Friends of Houghton Parish Church to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration until further notice as Gift Aid Donations.

I am a UK taxpayer and I pay an amount of Income and/or Capital Gains tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed on these donations.

### Name

.....  
*(full name, including title)*

### Address

.....  
.....  
.....  
*(full address, including postcode)*

### Signature

.....  
**Date**

.....  
You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Friends. If, in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income or capital gains equal to the tax the Friends reclaims, you should cancel your Declaration.

## BANKER'S ORDER

To the Manager of

.....  
*(name of bank)*

.....  
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.....  
*(address of bank)*

### Please pay:

The Friends of Houghton Parish Church  
Barclay's Bank plc, account number 00554952,  
sort code: 20-27-41

The sum of £ ..... each year

until further notice, starting on

.....  
*(date of commencement)*

Signature

### Name of Account

.....  
**Account Number**

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**Address**

## THE FRIENDS OF HOUGHTON PARISH CHURCH



# WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

PLEASE  
JOIN US TODAY

*Registered Charity - Number 1034942*

**St** Michael and All Angels is a magnificent building. Standing at the heart of the community, it serves not only as a place of worship and prayer, but also as a venue for many other public events. Without question, this exceptional parish church is an essential part of Houghton's heritage and identity, providing a familiar and reassuring landmark for residents as well for the many hundreds of travellers and visitors who pass through this town each year.

**T**he current church reflects a number of building phases and architectural styles covering over 800 years. Characteristic features of each are preserved which, together with significant tombs and memorial plaques, reinforce the historic importance of St Michael's and justify its Grade I Listing (reserved for only the finest buildings).

**T**he day-to-day running costs of sustaining the pattern of worship and ministry based in St Michael's is rightfully the responsibility of church members. However, the long-term maintenance and upkeep of the building itself is a major undertaking that requires the support of the broader community as well as of other interested parties.

**T**o this end, the Friends of Houghton Parish Church was established in 1993. It is a registered charity with well over one hundred members. Please join us today and help preserve for future generations what has been entrusted to us.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

*Ian Wallis, Rector.*

*On behalf of the Trustees.*

## MEMBERSHIP FEES (per annum)

Adult	£ 1 0.00
Senior Citizens	£5.00
Life Membership	£200.00
Family	£15.00
Corporate	£25.00

FRIENDS may wish to pay by cash, cheque or banker's order. BANKER'S ORDER is the most efficient method of payment as membership fees are paid automatically each year until the order is cancelled. By completing a GIFT AID DECLARATION, members maximise their contribution by enabling the Trust to recover Income Tax.

THE Friends of Houghton Parish Church work in association with the Parochial Church Council to fund repairs and improvements to the building and fabric of St Michael's.

FRIENDS receive a badge on joining and, each year, an annual report, Christmas Card and concessions for concerts and other events.

A MEMBERSHIP form, together with Deed of Covenant and Banker's Order are attached to this brochure. All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Friends of Houghton Parish Church  
c/o St Michael's Church Office  
Church Street  
Houghton-le-Spring  
Tyne & Wear  
DH4 4DN

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name

.....  
(full name, including title)

Address

.....  
.....  
.....  
(full address, including postcode)

I/we should like

to join/renew membership of

the Friends of Houghton Parish Church.

Type of Membership  
(please tick as appropriate)

[ ] - Individual (£10)

[ ] - Senior Citizens (£5)

[ ] - Life Membership (£200)

[ ] - Family (£1 5)

[ ] - Corporate (£25)

Payment Details  
(please tick as appropriate)

[ ] - Payment enclosed

[ ] - Banker's Order

[ ] - Gift Aid Declaration

Once you have completed this Application and, where appropriate, the Banker's Order and Gift Aid Declaration (overleaf), please return the entire leaflet to

The Friends of Houghton Parish Church,  
c/o St Michael's Church Office,  
Church Street,  
Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4DN.