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The Friends of St. Giles'
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I enclose my (annual) donation
of.....

(cheques payable to: The PCC of St Giles' Church)

Gift aid declaration (please tick if applicable) ☐

Please treat as Gift Aid Donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of receipt of this form. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year.

Standing Order (please tick if applicable) ☐

If you would like to set up a standing order please tick box and we will send you a form.

If you have any queries please contact:

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SAINT GILES' CHURCH: THE HISTORY

St. Giles' Church in Ickenham village was founded in the 13th century when Ickenham was only a small rural hamlet surrounded by farmland. It is named after the 7th century hermit who became the patron saint of beggars and cripples, and Churches dedicated to St. Giles are often situated at road junctions and gateways, like St. Giles, Cripplegate, in London.

Whilst Ickenham village has changed much through the years, St. Giles' church and its churchyard remain a haven of comparative calm as everyday life bustles around.

The oldest part of St. Giles' dates from around 1280, and the first Rector of the Parish of Ickenham, John Payne, was appointed here in 1335. The North Aisle was added in the 16th Century, and the rear extension to the nave was built in 1958.

The church contains several memorials to local people, one such being that of the baby Robert Clayton whose parents were living in Ickenham at the time of the Great Plague of 1665.



Through the intervening years many Ickenham residents have been baptised or married in St. Giles' and many now rest in the churchyard or the Garden of Remembrance, where they are visited by their friends and family to this day.

WHO LOOKS AFTER ST. GILES?

The church and churchyard are maintained by the local congregation as the parish receives no financial help from the Church of England. As a grade two listed building upkeep of the church requires the use of appropriate materials and specialist craftsmen, which is expensive.

Members of the congregation keep the church open to visitors at regular times of the week, for quiet reflection and many activities, that include "Diddy Disciples" and the "Memory Cafe".

The churchyard is maintained by a band of volunteers known as the "Holy Mowers" who meet every Tuesday morning, and who always provide a warm welcome for anyone wanting to exercise their 'green fingers' in a good cause. So come join us, there may even be tea and cake!



SAINT GILES' CHURCH: THE FUTURE

St. Giles' has been at the heart of Ickenham for nearly eight centuries and we would like the church to be here for many centuries to come, present to help all residents at significant times in their lives. St. Giles' is also a charming and historic building. It is both a calm place to sit quietly amongst the hubbub of an ever changing Ickenham and somewhere to rest a while and enjoy spring's cherry blossom and summer's roses.

Can you join us in helping to preserve St Giles' for future generations?



HOW CAN I HELP?

To show your support for St. Giles' church, its churchyard and help preserve it, we have set up:

The Friends of St. Giles'

Your donation will allow us to preserve this unique building, and help us to keep this ancient and picturesque part of Ickenham in good condition for future generations to enjoy.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. GILES'

The Reverend Felicity Davies, the church's fiftieth and first female Rector, warmly invites you to become a Friend of St. Giles'.

Realising that everyone's circumstances are different we are not asking for a specific level of donation, but are leaving it for individuals to decide how much they are able to contribute.

Friend of St. Giles' will receive:

- An annual invitation to a summer gathering in the Rectory garden
- A talk/tour with refreshments in festival years
- An annual newsletter updating you on the life of the church

THANK YOU



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Join us in preserving this historic and beautiful building and churchyard in the centre of Ickenham Village

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