

## MEMBERSHIP *Form*

### I would like to join the **FRIENDS *of the* MUSIC**

Please fill in your details in **BLOCK CAPITALS** below:

Title:

Forename:

Surname:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel:

Email:

## DONATIONS

Single or regular donations are equally welcome.

I would like to make a donation of: £

Cheques payable to Oldswinford Parochial Church Council (Friends of the Music)

If you would like to discuss making regular donations  
by standing order. Please tick here ☐

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

UK tax payers only

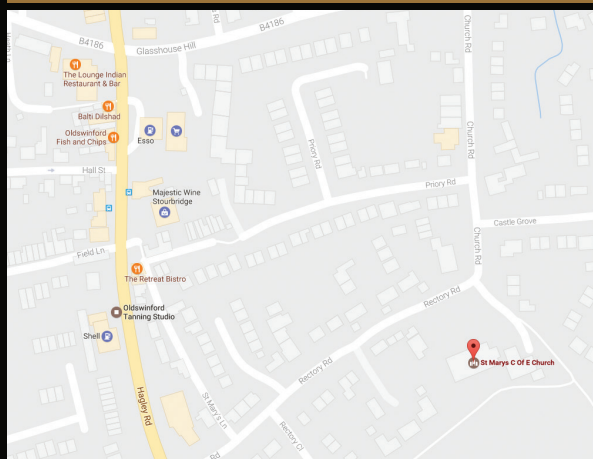
If you sign this declaration, the government will give us  
25% extra on top of your donation.

I would like the Friends of the Music at St. Mary's to reclaim the tax I have paid  
on all donations I make from today. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that  
if I pay less income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid  
claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed:

Date:

## HOW *to* FIND US



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**FRIENDS**  
*of the* **MUSIC**  
— at St Mary's —







## A MESSAGE *from* OUR PRIEST

*As a Christian Church, the most important thing that we do is to worship God; the second most important thing, is that we enable others to worship God. At St Mary's the music we offer is one of the main ways in which that worship is undertaken, and to nurture that music and the musicians who lead us in it, is a noble and vital task. I hope that when you read this leaflet and join in the worship which St Mary's offers through it's music, you will be moved to support the Friends of the Music at St Mary's. I thank you for your support which will enable us to continue to lift our voices and hearts in worship of the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for many years to come.*

*May God bless you.  
Stephen Agnew*

## HISTORY *of* ST. MARY'S

St Mary's is the mother church of Stourbridge. Now occupying a quiet part of the town, it was once the focal point of the Anglo-Saxon estate named Swinford. A priest was recorded in the Domesday Book of 1086 and the first church would have been dedicated earlier. It served all the settlements making up Stourbridge today.

The 14th century tower still provides solid evidence of the old medieval church, it's bells continue to ring out every Sunday, as a reminder that the church exists to offer praise to God and to serve the whole of the parish today.



## FRIENDS *of the* MUSIC

The Friends of the Music at St Mary's believe that music enriches worship and enables people to experience a deeper sense of the presence of God and the creativity of humanity. Our parish church music making has a long tradition which is evolving in many new ways.

We support our choir and musicians, encouraging children and adults to join. We hope that they will enjoy and progress in their singing, as they lead regular weekly services and special celebratory events both traditional and contemporary.

We hope that you will enjoy being part of that experience.



## HOW CAN *you* HELP

- (a) By supporting the activities and events we are planning, which will be publicised in the church, local press, church magazine, church website and Facebook page
- (b) By making suggestions as to further musical events at St Mary's
- (c) By subscribing to our membership scheme

