An invitation to join

The Friends of Sutton Veny Church

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The Church of St John the Evangelist
High Street, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire

The church, with its churchyard of over an acre, is situated adjacent to the Alexander Memorial Field sports pitches and next to the school and village hall, forming the hub of the village.

The church was built as a memorial to Joseph Everett of Greenhill (now Sutton Veny) House when the old church dating back to Norman times, on the east side of the village and dedicated to St Leonard, fell into poor state of repair. The architect employed was J L Pearson, whose style was much influenced by French Gothic, and who later went on to design both Truro & Brisbane cathedrals. The foundation stone was laid on 27 May 1866. The consecration ceremony took place just under two years later on 16 April 1868.

Built using dressed limestone with a tiled roof and an ashlar spire, St John's is a cruciform church, with a three-bay, aisled nave with the spire over the crossing. Its style is Geometrical, and involves a careful reuse of the forms current in English architecture at the end of the 13th century. The Gray & Davidson organ has a thousand pipes and was installed as part of the original build and is unusually fine for a country church. There is a vestry north of the chancel and a porch to the south aisle. The six bells, which came from St Leonard's, bear dates between 1696 and 1793. The church has been little altered since its completion in 1868.

The church is used regularly for worship and is visited frequently, particularly by those with ANZAC connections who come to visit the 170 (145 Australian) Commonwealth War Graves. Both church and school maintain strong ANZAC connections and the south transept is now the ANZAC chapel.

See the Friends of Sutton Veny Church page on the village website

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A Charity operated under Charities Commission guidelines.

The Friends Group has been formed as a charity with two major objectives. To look after and improve of the fabric of the church and its churchyard, and at the same time bring the building right into the centre of our village life. It is a lovely building with a lot of versatile space, which is currently under-utilized and, with appropriate modification, it has enormous potential to play a pivotal role in the life of the village.

Our aim is to raise money not only to look after the fabric of the building, its contents and its grounds but also to improve and increase the facilities to cater for village events and meetings. None of the money raised will go towards funding religious activities. These costs will continue to be the responsibility of the worshipping community.

Do come and join us in shaping, staging and enjoying the events that will raise funds to maintain and improve this lovely building.
You may not be a churchgoer or even have a direct connection with the church. Like many of us you may just live and work in the area. Alternatively you may come from further afield and perhaps have an historic link – such as a relative buried in the churchyard. So if you would like to see this special church maintained for the future please become a Friend.

In becoming a Friend of St John's you will join a broad group of those who love this building, not only for its historical record as an oasis of calm and peace in this Wiltshire village, but also for its important contemporary role for the whole community**.** Please also encourage others to join.

If you would like to support the Friends, preferably committing to automatic renewal of your **£10* annual membership**, please fill in and return the attached form, including the Gift Aid Declaration, if applicable. We thank you in anticipation. (*£10 minimum, but greater sums are more than welcome.)

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(figures) £ ……

Please tick: Annually: Quarterly: Monthly

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The Treasurer will send this Banker's Order to your bank.

Data Protection: Your details will only be used by us to confirm your standing order pledge to your bank, transfer information to HMRC in respect of a Gift Aid claim and to administer and archive your membership. We will not share your information with any other source.

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Does not create any financial obligation but covers the occasions when you may choose to make a donation to the charity.

I ……..
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Hereby declare that all donations that I make on or after the date of this declaration in favour of:

The Friends of Sutton Veny Church

Are made as Gift Aid. I am a UK taxpayer * and would like to reclaim the tax. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature ……..

Date ……..

*Tax will be reclaimed at the standard rate. If in a tax year you do not pay tax equal to the amount reclaimed by the charity then please notify the Treasurer. Higher rate taxpayers can claim further tax relief in their self-assessment return.

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