

## Gift Aid Declaration

### Please return to the Friends

This declaration enables the Friends to claim Gift Aid from the Inland Revenue on subscriptions and donations, increasing their value by 25% 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 the declaration until further notice as Gift Aid Donations. I am a UK taxpayer and I pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed on these donations.

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 tax equal to the tax the Friends reclaim, you should cancel your declaration.

Full name & title	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone No.	
Signature	
Date	



## Standing Order

To the Manager of	
Bank address	
Please pay	The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Barclays Bank plc. Account: 00554952 / Sort: 20-27-41
The sum of	£                      each year Until further notice
Start date	
Signature	
Name of account holder(s)	
Account number	
Sort Code	
Your address	

Please take completed form to your bank

# The Friends of Houghton Parish Church Trust



**We need  
your support**

**Please join today!**



## 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. It provides a familiar and reassuring landmark for residents as well as for the many hundreds of travellers and visitors who pass through this town each year.

The current church reflects a number of building phases and architectural styles covering over 900 years, and characteristic features of each are preserved. Together with significant tombs and memorial plaques, they reinforce the historic importance of St Michael's and justify its Grade 1 listing (reserved for only the finest buildings).

The day-to-day running costs of sustaining the pattern of worship and ministry based in St Michael's are 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.

To 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, for your support.**

**The Trustees**

## Annual Membership Fees

Individual	£10.00
Family	£15.00
Community Groups	£30.00
Local Businesses	£30.00
Life Membership	£200.00

**FRIENDS** may wish to pay by cash, cheque or standing order. **STANDING 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.



*The Tomb of Bernard Gilpin, Rector 1558-1583*

## Application for Membership

Please return to the Friends

Name	
Address	
Post code	
Telephone No.	
Email address	

### Type of Membership (please tick box)

Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Payment Details

(please tick box)

Payment Enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Standing Order	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gift Aid Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>

Once you have completed this application and, where appropriate, the Gift Aid Declaration (overleaf), please return to:

The Friends of Houghton Parish Church  
c/o 19 Sancroft Drive  
Houghton-le-Spring  
Tyne & Wear, DH5 8NE  
Email: [georgepeebles@talktalk.net](mailto:georgepeebles@talktalk.net)