



The Reasons Our Churchyard Needs FROGS

FROGS is the abbreviation for the St Giles Churchyard League of Friends. Kilmington Churchyard dates back to AD 937. The Church and Churchyard have been a constant presence in the lives of villagers, their broader families and visitors for many generations. The churchyard is a place where relatives and friends of the interred and other visitors can come to spend time in quiet reflection, in very pleasant surroundings.

All parishioners have the right to be buried in St Giles Churchyard. We are extremely fortunate that St Giles has the land to service the expansion of the churchyard for many years to come.

Prior to the formation of FROGS in November 2016, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) paid the cost of maintaining the churchyard, using outside contractors. This became a heavy burden on church finances, costing in excess of £2000 a year.

FROGS was set up, independent of the PCC, to relieve the church of this onerous burden, and to encourage villagers to play a part in its upkeep, to create a churchyard of which we can all be proud. FROGS is funded by its Friends in the form of a life or annual membership subscription and the receipt of ad-hoc donations. FROGS has also recruited a team of volunteers (almost all of whom are Friends) to undertake the routine maintenance work using equipment purchased or donated and serviced using its funds.

How to Join FROGS

Membership is open to all with the following subscription rates:

- Individual Membership: £10 per annum.
- Household Membership: £20 per annum (family members at the same address).
- Individual Life Membership: £100 (one off payment).

Should anybody wish to make a donation, or support FROGS through a bequest within a will, such contributions would be greatly appreciated.

The Committee of FROGS is aware that many villagers support the Church via the annual gift scheme. FROGS is a separate initiative, independent of the Church.

FROGS Application Form

I/We would like to be a Friend of St Giles Churchyard (please print details).

Your Name/s:

Your Address:

Postcode:

Contact telephone:

Email:

I/We enclose £

For Annual Membership

Family Membership

Life Membership

Cheques should be made payable to; St Giles Churchyard League of Friends

BACS payments should be made to: Sort Code 09-01-29 Account no 06504591

Please return to David Ingles (Membership Secretary) at:

Bywood, Shute Road, Kilmington, EX13 7ST.

Phone: 01297 32234

Email: dwingles@aol.com

Volunteering for FROGS

- Help is required to maintain both the old and new churchyards and the Millennium Memorial Garden.
- Equipment is provided by FROGS
- If you feel that you can spare some time assisting in keeping the churchyard tidy and safe, FROGS would be delighted to hear from you.
- Alternatively, why not attend one of FROGS regular Work Parties, where you will be given a warm welcome.

Contact: David Ingles on 01297 32234, dwingles@aol.com

Or John Thorne (Chairman) on 01297 34162, j.j.c.thorne@btinternet.com

