

Friend's Of St Margaret's Church High Halstow

Constitution

Our Purpose

Is to promote or assist in the maintenance and upkeep of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow for the benefit of all who value this ancient church.

Our Aims

1. To promote wide interest in the care and preservation of St Margaret's Church and its history and to provide a focus of support for it.
2. To raise additional funds for the maintenance of its fabric, the churchyard, interior decorations and furnishings so as to assist the Parochial Church Council, when the committee considers it appropriate. (The Church Council continues to be responsible for the Church and all the works done upon and within it.)
3. To invite, promote and receive donations and contributions in pursuit of these aims.
4. To ensure fund raising is carried out in harmony with the ethos of the Church

Our Rules

1. The name of the society shall be "Friends of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow".

2. Membership of Friends of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow shall be open to anyone interested in the objects of the Friends and who has paid the annual member's subscription, (which shall be agreed at the Annual Meeting).
3. The affairs of Friends of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow shall be managed by a Committee of no more than 12 members as appointed at the Annual Meeting
4. The Committee shall comprise of
 - a) 2 representatives from the PCC
 - b) 2 Parish Council representative
 - c) 1 the Rector as an Ex - Officio
 - d) 7 other members of the Friends of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow
 - e) Should there be a vacancy or a desire to increase the committee membership during the year this may be done at the discretion of the committee providing the member is also a member of the Friends
5. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two months of the end of the financial year of the Society. (The financial year shall end on 31st March each year) and shall:
 - a) Appoint the Committee for the forthcoming year;
 - b) Receive the audited accounts for the previous year;
 - c) Consider recommendations from the Committee regarding the use of any funds held;
 - d) Consider other matters which might further the aims of the Friends.
6. The Committee shall:

- a) Meet at least 3 times each year;
- b) Quorate for any meeting to be at least 4 members
- c) Arrange for the publication of a twice yearly Friends Newsletter;
- d) Consult with the Church Council and advise the Annual Meeting of Friends regarding the needs of the Church;
- e) Consider possible fund raising activities;
- f) Consider other matters which might further the aims of the Friends.

7. The Committee at its first meeting after the Annual Meeting;

A bank account shall be opened in the name of "Friends of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow" and controlled by any two signatories, drawn from the members of the committee all of whom are authorised to act.

8. Any funds held by the Friends shall be used for the Church in accordance with Item 2 of Our Aims above and shall be donated through the Parochial Church Council.

9. The rules may be amended by two-thirds majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting, provided that 21 days notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to all members.

10. In the event of the dissolution of the Friends any monies held shall be passed to the Building Fund of Parochial Church Council of St Margaret's Church, High Halstow.

11. Register the Friends of St Margaret's as a charity

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