



# THE FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS, WINTERTON

Working for the future of Winterton's Grade I Listed medieval church



The Friends of All Saints, Winterton, work alongside Winterton Parochial Church Council [Winterton PCC] which has legal responsibility for the church

### The Church

Winterton All Saints is a large, ancient parish church. The oldest part was built before 1100. The tower is especially significant as it is a fine example of a Lincolnshire Tower built in the Early Romanesque style around 1090. By 1300 the present building was complete. Only the vestry [1844] and roofline [1904] have since changed.

#### The 'Lincolnshire Tower'

The tower is exceptional as it retains so many of the original features constructed around 1090. It was built to allow bells to be rung as required by the new burial service introduced by the Bishop of Lincoln. Winterton thus showed its conformity with the new Norman rulers. Bells have been rung in Winterton ever since that time

#### The Friends

The Friends are volunteers who aim to secure the future of the physical fabric of our ancient church and to ensure the building is used fully for the benefit of our community. They work alongside Winterton PCC as a vitally important sub-committee.

#### What do the Friends do?

The aim of the Friends is to support All Saints to ensure it has a viable long-term future as a key community asset. Many Friends help the church financially but equally important are the many volunteers who give their time in a range of different ways. Extra volunteers are always welcome. You may offer as much or as little time as you wish.

# How you can help

Wherever you live you are welcome to join if you support our aim. You can help by:

- becoming a Friend [there is no membership fee]
- support our programme of fund-raising events
- volunteer some time to offer help to one or more of the Friends' interest groups
- make occasional or regular donations [please Gift Aid if you are a UK income tax payer]
- spread the news about what Friends are aiming to do

Whatever type of help you offer, it will be very much appreciated.

#### Friends' interest groups

Many Friends have joined one or more groups in which they have an interest. These include:

- Welcoming visitors
- Catering
- Social and fund-raising events
- Heritage of church and town
- Lifelong Learning
- Building maintenance
- Digital media

We also welcome those who wish to learn bell-ringing or simply help move chairs & tables and the many other jobs vital in such a large, well-used building.

# What happens in All Saints already?

- Church of England services on Sundays and Tuesdays
- Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals
  - Roman Catholic service on Saturdays
  - Open Church for visitors 2-4pm every Wednesday and Saturday
- Singing for Pleasure group each Monday
- Bellringers most Thursdays
  - Regular coffee mornings
- Concerts each month [jazz, folk, choral, instrumental]
- Theatrical performances
- Talks about All Saints and Winterton by arrangement
- School and playgroup visits
- Winterton Film Club
- Venue also available for hire

#### What is there to see in All Saints?

- A superb 'Lincolnshire Tower'
- Very fine medieval church
- Heritage Room with Winterton map display, West Gallery instrument collection, Fowler family display
- Winterton time-line
- Parish Bier bought in 1882
- Videos about the tower, tower clock, bell-ringing and recent project to repair and reorder the church
- Free public WiFi
- Free Winterton walk leaflets
- and much more

# **Becoming a Friend**

Membership is free. Just complete the membership form below and leave in the large glass bottle in All Saints or e-mail the details to officeaswinterton@gmail.com

I/We wish Winterton	to	join	the	Friends	of	All	Saint	
Name[s]								
Address								
Postcode .								
Telephone								
E-mail								
Signed								
Date								

#### **Donations**

Donations are always welcome as All Saints is expensive to maintain. Any donation you offer will make a big difference.

All funds raised by the Friends go towards care for the building and its maintenance [light, heating, insurance etc]. The cost of the vicar and services is paid by the church members.

If you wish to make a regular donation by bank order and/or Gift Aid your donation, please complete one of the forms available either in the church or from our website.

#### The church interior in 2015



Photo courtesy of Roland Fawcett Photography and Treske

The Heritage Lottery Fund project carried out from 2014 has given All Saints a repaired roof, new level floor, underfloor heating, new lighting, sound system, fire alarm and security system, new chairs and storage with static and digital media heritage displays.

Toilets and a kitchen are yet to be added in a new extension together with further repairs to the tower walls and South Transept gable window.

An extensive activity programme is a vital part of this project. It is based on much community consultation and relies on members of the community to make it all happen.

#### Web site:

http://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/winterton/about-us/friends-group/

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#### Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsWinterton/

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