



# Abbey United Reformed Church *Friends*

Known as “the church by the arch” Abbey URC is at the heart of Romsey and has been a part of the life of the town for over three centuries. The church is a place where people can come together, as they have for generations, not only for worship, reflection and peace, but also for culture, heritage, music and art.

Many people have connections with our church, its people and buildings, through weddings, baptisms, special services and the many activities held on site such as yoga, singing, community groups, concerts and events.

Historic buildings need an enormous amount of care and maintenance. They also need champions who encourage their use, support activities and promote their continued presence in the community. Abbey URC is no exception and it is vital we remain a vibrant part of the future of the Romsey community. Abbey URC Friends is an important link between the church and the community.

By becoming a friend of Abbey URC, you will help us to continue our work within the Romsey community, as well as preserving our beautiful listed building. Help us to grow our future by joining Abbey URC Friends.

Abbey URC Friends are a group within Abbey URC and are guided and overseen by the minister and elders of Abbey URC; the final decisions rest with the minister and elders of Abbey URC.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Join us for £10 per year per person, payment by standing order.

Our bank details are: Name: Abbey United Reformed Church, Sort Code 40-52-40 (CAFS), Account Number: 00033457; please add reference FRIENDS/Surname and Initial.

**First name(s)**..... **Surname**.....

**Email**.....

I consent to being contacted by email YES/NO

I have made a payment and arranged a standing order. Signed: .....

**If you pay Income Tax and are able to gift aid your donation, we would very much appreciate you completing the Gift Aid form (overleaf) as this will increase your contribution by 25%.**

**Please email this form to [abbeyurcfriends@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyurcfriends@gmail.com)  
or pop it into our Prayer Post Box which can be found outside the church.**





## As a Friend you will receive.....

- our monthly e-magazine (10 per year)
- early notification of concerts and events
- coffee morning on 1st Thursday of each month in Abbey Hall Lounge 10am-11.30am
- annual complimentary afternoon tea
- annual outing (payable individually)
- invitations to special services
- 10% discount on hire of Abbey URC, our hall or lounge

## How can you help as a friend of Abbey URC?

- attend concerts
- join social gatherings
- support our fundraising
- promote events
- promote hiring of the church, hall or lounge
- encourage others to enjoy our building

Moving forward, you may wish to share ideas of future uses of the building, steward concerts, help with refreshments, occasionally help with flower arranging or become involved with other activities.

### We will keep you informed via email.

Further updates and news of Abbey URC Friends on the relevant page on our website. Follow Abbey URC on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

**DATA PROTECTION:** your personal details will be used to process your membership, provide you with information regarding The Friends and to enable us to carry out our membership activities. We will not share your details with any third party except where required to do so by law.

Charity Number: 1132706

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Signed..... Date.....

First name(s)..... Surname.....

First line of address..... Post Code.....

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