# Friend of St Thomas' Church (FOSTC) application form



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## Help Us Preserve our Church in Bradwell

Our Parish Church of St Thomas' was built in the 13th century with much rebuilding in the 18th century using the materials from the older church.

This much-visited building is used for regular worship, weddings, funerals, baptisms, remembrances and other celebrations.

In addition, it is used for a wide variety of community activities and events.

The cost of maintaining the building depends, in the main, on fundraising by the congregation, donations and limited grants.

The Friends of Bradwell Parish Church has been formed to ensure that the church remains at the heart of Bradwell for centuries to come.

### St Thomas' Church Watches Over Bradwell

The 'Friends of St Thomas' Church Bradwell-on-Sea' exists to help in the work of preserving, restoring, improving and caring for this beautiful building, its furnishings and its grounds.

## **Honorary Patron**

Sir Michael Morpurgo, having a long family history with Bradwell and St Thomas' Church, has offered to be Honorary Patron to 'The Friends of St Thomas' Church'.

#### As a Friend You Will...

- •Play a vital part in the heritage and preservation of this wonderful building with all it means to the local community and guarantee its service to future generations.
- Receive invitations to special Friends events and be notified of services and events taking place at the Church
- Receive a Newsletter to keep you in touch.
- •Be invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Friends.

## **Anyone Can Become a Friend**

The aim of the Friends is to encourage all who are interested in the building, from either an historic or architectural point of view, to join those who are concerned in preserving an important place of worship and centre of community life.

Funds are raised by annual subscription and members are invited to take part in fund-raising events of a social nature.

The invitation is open to individuals, companies and organisations. Perhaps you were born in Bradwell, christened in the ancient font, or married at St Thomas'. Perhaps you live, lived or work in the village, or are just visiting.

Whatever your interest, we invite you to become a 'Friend'.

Annual Subscription rates are £15 per person or £25 per household, commencing 1<sup>st</sup> June each year.

Subscriptions and donations may be made under the Gift Aid scheme. Under St Thomas' present scheme, the church benefits by 25p for every £1 subscribed.

If you decided to join us in this exciting venture, please complete the attached form.

#### APPLICATION TO BECOME A FRIEND OF ST THOMAS' CHURCH

I/we wish to become a Friend of St Thomas' Church - FOSTC
Name(s)
Address
Post Code
Tel No
email address
☐ Please tick box for your permission for us to contact you and store your information.

GDPR Data Protection Reminder that to maintain contact we use an off-line secured database system that is not shared, and your information is not passed to any other organization. We prefer contact by email to reduce our costs but will use post if no email

Annual Subscription commencing 1st June each year £15 (Single) £25 (Family)

Please make cheques payable to:

St Thomas' Bradwell Parochial Church Council

Or directly to the bank: ref: FOSTC

Bank Barclays, Sort Code: 20-54-30

Account Number: 90195731

Or scan the QR code here:

If you would like to pay by direct debit contact the Church Treasurer, Mr Laurence Main 19 High Street, Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex CMO 7QL

# St Thomas' Bradwell-on-sea Parochial Church Council Gift Aid Declaration for Regular Giving



If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the form below and give it to the Church treasurer at the address below. This will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given (at current rate), at no extra cost to you or us. Thank you.

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

	Post Code
Signed	Date
NOTES	

## 1. Please notify the Church Treasurer if you:-

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and or capital gain.
   Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20% which currently allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound.
- 2. Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return completed forms to the Church Treasurer, Mr Laurence Main, 19 High Street, Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex CMO 7QL