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EAST CHURCHYARD PATH



Organisation

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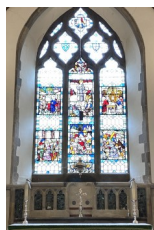
**St Nicolas Church,
Great Bookham**

FRIENDS OF SAINT NICOLAS



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WHAT WE DO



EAST WINDOW

THE FRIENDS OF ST NICOLAS IS A CHARITY SET UP IN 1983 BY LOCAL COUNCILLOR KEN MATTS. OUR PRIMARY AIM IS TO

FUND WORKS AT THE CHURCH THAT WILL HELP PRESERVE THIS BEAUTIFUL GRADE I LISTED BUILDING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY.

FRIENDS PAY AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, AND WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED LEGACIES AND THE RESULTS OF SPECIFIC APPEALS.

OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE OVER £210,000 TOWARDS ESSENTIAL WORKS AT ST NICOLAS.



LYCH GATE

PLEASE JOIN US AND HELP ENSURE THAT THE VILLAGE RETAINS ITS SPLENDID CHURCH RIGHT IN ITS HEART.

Examples of Projects

The Friends have supported the following projects, amongst many others:

Repairs to the Church roof	£10,000
Church interior redecoration	£8,945
South Porch entrance	£3,410
Window Guards	£2,515
Urgent Tower repairs	£33,394
Restoration of Howard Window	£3,382
Chancel Roof repairs	£1,211
Renovation of Churchyard pathway	£2,240
Window guards	£11,800
Tower clock mechanism	£3,522
Tower repainting and repairs	£11,918
Refurbishment of Church Organ	£25,000
East Churchyard path	£3,500
Replacement heating system	£40,000
Repair leaking leaded window	£1,347
Replacement organ humidifier	£3,409
Roof repairs	£1,375
Lych Gate repairs	£3,328

History of St Nicolas

There has been a Church in the centre of Bookham on this site since Saxon times. This lovely 11th Century building is dedicated to St. Nicolas. It was a Barn Church with windows high in the wall, two of which can still be seen, decorated with painting from about 1100.

In 1140 the Church was extended with a small aisle on the south side. The Tower was started in stone at this time, but because it began to subside, it was completed in wood and later buttressed in the 15th Century.

In 1180, the north aisle was extended and the Lombardic Stone in the Sanctuary records the addition of a new Chancel and Sanctuary in 1341. This was built by John de Rutherwyke, the Great Abbot of Chertsey, whose gravestone is in this corner with a Cross Fleury.

The East Window was damaged during the Second World War and was repaired with beautiful panels of 15th Century Flemish glass, which came from Costessy Hall in Norfolk (having been smuggled out of France during the French Revolution).

The North aisle, as it appears today was built between 1841 and 1845 from designs by Carpenter (the architect of Lancing College). The South aisle was added to in 1380, when a porch was built with an upper room, and joined to the Slyfield (Lady) Chapel by an extended aisle in 1440.

In 1885 Butterfield, (the architect of Keble College, Oxford) carried out a large restoration and much of the Church now appears as it was at his time. The Church boasts a number of brasses and impressive memorials including the curious Weeping Willow in the Chancel which is part of the Andrewes' Memorial Window. The outside Porch was added in 1913 in memory of Jane Mary Bird, wife of the Rector at the time.

In 2022 a major change was carried out with the movement of the font towards the West door, replacement of the Victorian pews with chairs and the installation of ramps and an extended chancel step.