

**Suggested Minimum Annual  
Donation Rates**

**Annual**

- £10 single
  - £15 joint
  - £2 student
  - £25 corporate
- 10-yearly**
- £90 single
  - £140 double

**I/we wish to join The  
Friends of Ringwood Parish  
Church.** (Please tick box above)

Name(s):.....

Address:.....

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Post code:.....

Phone No. (day):.....

(evening):.....

- I/we enclose cheque for £.....  
made out to The Friends of  
Ringwood Parish Church
- I/we wish to pay by standing  
order. Please send a form.

My/our donation is to be treated as  
a Gift Aid Donation on which tax  
has already been paid. (Please delete if  
not applicable.)

Please return to:  
**Brian Sherlock**  
7a Pound Close, Ringwood,  
Hampshire BH24 1LR

**The Friends of  
Ringwood Parish Church**

**Chairman:**  
**Mrs. Alison Riddell**  
Foresters, Hightown Common  
Ringwood, Hampshire BH24 3HQ  
Telephone: 01425 473593

**Secretary:** Anne Steer  
**Membership Secretary:** Diane Rayner  
**Treasurer:** Brian Sherlock

**Trustees:** Nominated by the Parochial  
Church Council:  
Reg Blunden  
Carol Goodwin  
Louis Moore  
Anne Osborne

Elected at the Annual  
General Meeting:  
Gillian Habbin  
Diane Rayner

Please consider leaving a  
bequest to the church when  
making your Will. Your  
solicitor will be happy to  
advise you.

**For more information  
about church events or  
to arrange baptisms,  
marriages, etc. please  
contact the Parish Office  
01425 473219.**



**The Parish Church  
of St. Peter  
& St. Paul  
Ringwood**



Vicar: The Reverend Canon  
John R. Turpin, MA

## The Church in Ringwood

The Domesday Book records a church at Ringwood, which would probably have been a wooden building. The next was of stone, but in the early 1800s was deemed to be in such a bad state of repair that it was only feasible to demolish it and rebuild, to a very similar plan.

The present building (now listed Grade II\*) was erected in 1853-5 and contains many memorials, etc. from earlier times, including a brass to John Prophete, Rector of Ringwood, who died in 1416. This has recently been conserved and resited in the south-west corner of the church, with funds raised by "The Friends". There is also an unusual thirteenth century double piscina in the sanctuary. Of interest, too, is the "New Forest" reredos in the Lady Chapel and the millennium painting of St. Peter & St. Paul, our patron saints.

The Church is a well-known landmark, standing as it does on the A31 at a north-south and east-west intersection of main routes.

It is well-loved by the people of Ringwood. Many who perhaps are not frequent churchgoers call on it for services of baptism, marriage, funerals, etc. and would wish to "own" it as part of their heritage. The church also hosts concerts and other town events.

## The Aim of The Friends of Ringwood Parish Church

**"To advance the Christian religion by the maintenance, repair and upkeep of the parish church and hall of St. Peter & St. Paul, Ringwood."**

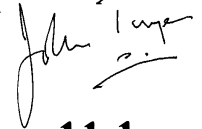
In a building of this age and size, there is always work needing to be done. So far the Friends have provided toilets and replaced the lead on the tower roof. The next project was to conserve and put on permanent display one of Ringwood's greatest treasures, the 1416 brass of John Prophete - one of the last Rectors of Ringwood. This brass is also regarded as a significant national work of art; then closed circuit television cameras - a sad necessity - and lastly a substantial contribution towards the new lighting. What now? Watch this space!

### Advantages of Membership

- ▶ the support of part of our national heritage
- ▶ special "Friends" events
- ▶ newsletters, also giving details of "church" events
- ▶ membership card
- ▶ membership badge

## A message from the Vicar

During my years in Ringwood I have met a great number of people who hold our Parish Church in deep affection. Many have special memories of services, concerts or other events and have found something special here. Some like to be able to pop in and be quiet when they have the need to be still. For all of these, the Church is somewhere to "kneel where prayer has been valid" over many hundreds of years. Some others simply take pleasure in the architecture and the way the building stands as a prominent land-mark. We have a responsibility in our generation to ensure that this heritage is handed on to those who come after us: in this the work of the Friends is most valuable, and I commend it to all who value Ringwood Parish Church.



## How You Can Help

- ▶ by becoming a Friend of Ringwood Parish Church  
If you are a tax-payer, the "Friends" will benefit more from your annual donation if it is made under the Gift Aid scheme. (The income tax on your donation which you have already paid can be reclaimed.)
- ▶ by organising events
- ▶ by supporting events
- ▶ by wearing your lapel badge
- ▶ by telling your friends