



## The Friends of St Margaret Pattens Church

### Welcome to our Church

St Margaret Pattens has been a place of worship and a resource for the community since 1067, a year after the Norman invasion. The current Church was built by Sir Christopher Wren following the destruction of the previous Church in the Great Fire of 1666. The Church remains largely unaltered from the Wren design to this day.

The Livery Companies of the Basketmakers and Pattenmakers have been long time supporters of the Church and this is demonstrated in the recording of Masters within the panelling of the Church and in the stained glass windows. Many members of the Friends are associated with these two ancient livery companies and it is an association, which is much cherished.

### Why become a friend?

The Friends was set up as a separate charity to support this ancient and distinguished church building for future generations, to help keep the church open and to continue to make it accessible for everyone today.

As a registered charity (no 1062360) with an independent Board of Trustees, the Friends discharge the above aims by making grants for the ongoing life, fabric and contents of the Church. This is only possible due to the contributions of those who commit to regular payments as Friends. There is no endowment from which we can draw.

As a Friend you will be contributing to the Church's future, be able to keep up to date through our Friends newsletter and to join special events for the Friends.

### How to become a Friend

We want to make things as easy as possible to become a Friend. All you need to do is set up a standing order with your bank through their app for a regular payment. Most people are paying £25 each quarter, but £100 or more annually is equally welcome. The bank details you need are:

Sort Code: 20-19-90    Account No: 80162957

Account Name: Friends of the Guild Church of St Margaret Pattens

Please advise [friends@stmargaretpattens.org](mailto:friends@stmargaretpattens.org) when you have done so, so we can record your interest and look out for your payment. If you are a taxpayer you can use this address to advise whether you wish giftaid\* to be reclaimed on our payment.

For ease of administration information about membership of the Friends will be administered and stored by the Church on its systems as well as by the Friends themselves. Please inform us if you do not agree to this. We look forward to you having a long and fruitful association with the Friends and the Church we support and thank you for your interest.

\*Gift Aid it. You would like tax to be reclaimed on your donation and any future donations under the Gift Aid Scheme. You are a UK taxpayer and understand that if you pay less income tax and or capital gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed it will be your responsibility to pay the difference.