

# The Parish Church of St Mary's North Mymms

We invite you to take part in our  
**Patronage Scheme**



Invest today in the future of St Mary's Church and protect our heritage

1<sup>st</sup> June 2022- 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

## What is the Patronage Scheme?

This is an opportunity for everybody in North Mymms Parish and beyond to keep St Mary's Church alive and open for the use and appreciation of everyone. Even if you don't attend church, St Mary's is an important and beautiful landmark, which holds a great deal of the history of the Parish. It has been, and will continue to be, there for you and your family for baptisms, weddings, funerals and other special occasions.

We are asking for YOUR financial help to support the practical, ongoing costs of running and maintaining the building, to avoid it falling into disrepair and possibly risking closure. This Patronage Scheme is a way for you to contribute to maintain St Mary's Church for future generations.

## Why are we Launching this Scheme Now?

St Mary's is a historic Grade II\* listed building, with the main part of the building dating from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. All restoration has to be carried out by skilled craftspeople and is consequently very expensive, as are the daily running costs to keep the church open. The income received simply isn't keeping pace with today's increasing costs.

### Who is the Patronage Scheme for?

The scheme is for anybody and everybody who wishes to see St Mary's church here, as a well maintained, warm and welcoming building, serving the community of North Mymms for many generations to come in whatever way it is special to YOU.

### What does being a Patron mean?

You choose a date that is special to you and you 'buy' that date for £60. Your payment will help to cover the running costs for your special day. If you would like to buy that date every year, that would be even better!

### How can I be a Patron for the day?

It is simple! Just choose a date that has significance to you – it might be that wish to remember a loved one, a birthday, a wedding anniversary, a baptism, a family occasion or another special event in your life.

### What do I receive by being a Patron?

- Your name will be placed in the Patron's book in church, open at the current month and showing the date and occasion you are commemorating.
- The knowledge that YOUR patronage will make a big difference and that your donation is doing something VERY worthwhile to keep St Mary's Church open for future generations.
- A yearly commemorative certificate as a thank you.

### The Cost of keeping St Mary's open throughout 2021

Power and water	£15,377
Insurance	£ 2,315
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 5,882
<b>Total</b>	<b>£23,574</b>
<b>Cost per day</b>	<b>£64.59</b>

The above shows the main areas of expenditure which support the building. This does not include any one-off repairs or restoration to the historic fabric of St Mary's.

**All the funds contributed to the Patronage Scheme are only to be used to support the overall maintenance, day to day running costs and restoration to the historic fabric of St Mary's Church building.**

If you would like more information about the annual costs of running St Mary's and how it is funded, you can visit our website:

[www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk/how-we-are-funded](http://www.stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk/how-we-are-funded)

Please return this form to:

Rev'd Ruth Barr  
St Mary's Church, North Mymms Park  
Hatfield, AL9 7TN

Email: vicar@stmarysnorthmymms.org.uk

**I wish to give a Patronage contribution of £60 for the year  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.**

Your name(s) .....

Your address .....

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Your patronage date(s) .....

Reason for your patronage .....

- I wish to continue my donation annually (tick circle to left if this applies).

You can pay by setting up a standing order or by making a BACs transfer using the reference "patron" and your surname.

The account details are:

**St Marys North Mymms PCC Covenant Fund**  
**Sort Code: 20-92-54    Account Number: 4078 5784**

Otherwise, please enclose a cheque made out to St Marys North Mymms PCC Covenant Fund, with this completed form.

Do you want to **Gift Aid** it? (it costs you nothing but the church will receive an additional 25p for every £1 donated).

I want St Mary's Church to reclaim tax on this donation. 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, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed .....

Date .....