

## About the Friends of St Alkmund's, Shrewsbury

The Friends of St Alkmund's is an independent organisation whose aim is to promote or assist – for the public benefit – the preservation, repair, maintenance and improvement of the fabric of St Alkmund's Church, Shrewsbury.

The organisation is run entirely by volunteers, keeping overheads to a minimum and ensuring the most effective use of funds received.

**Membership of the Friends is open to all** – residents, businesses and visitors – who are interested in the preservation in good condition of this historic and elegant church building in its tranquil setting in the heart of Shrewsbury. It offers an ideal opportunity for those who wish to have links with St Alkmund's or with Shrewsbury to keep in touch.

### You can help by

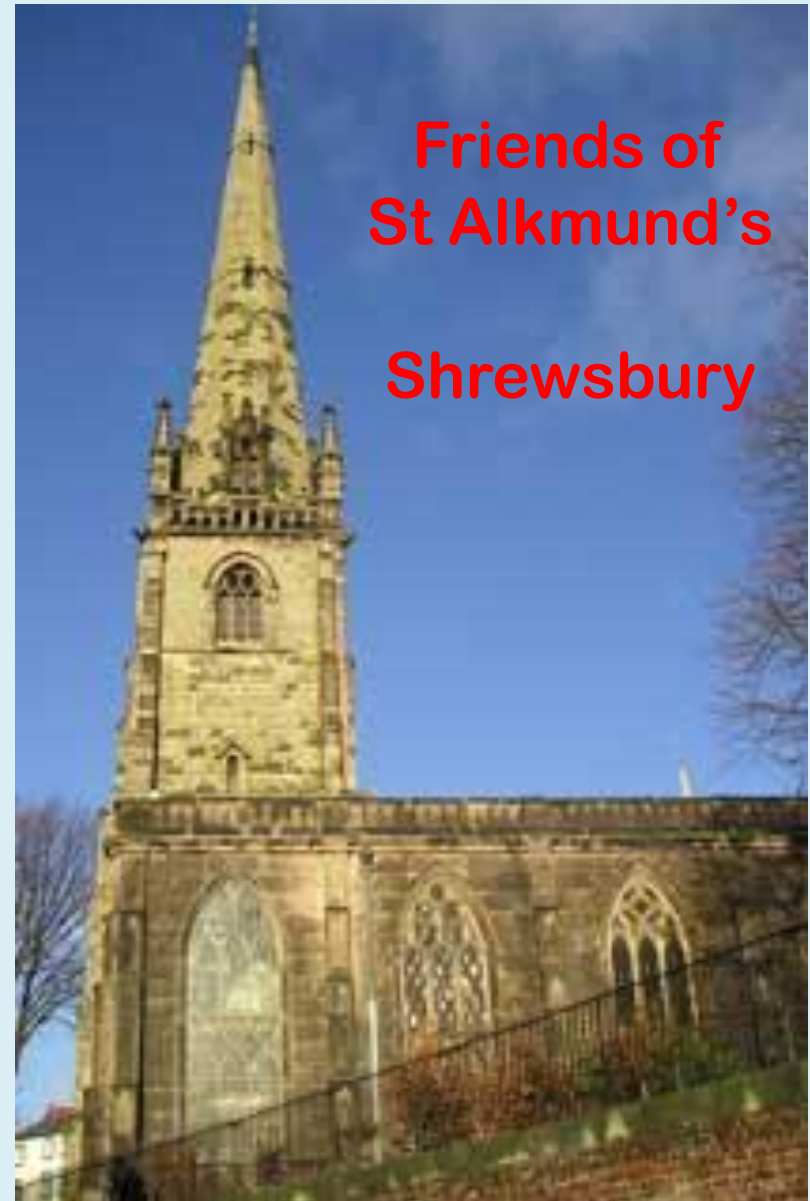
- becoming a Friend
- making a donation
- leaving a legacy

**Please complete the Membership Application form** on the other side of this page and return it to:

**The Membership Secretary FStA  
14 Kennedy Road,  
Shrewsbury, SY3 7AB**

It would help us to reduce costs if you could also complete the Bank Standing Order form authorising your Bank to make an annual payment of your subscription and return this also to the Membership Secretary.

Thank you



Our aim is the preservation, upkeep and enhancement of St Alkmund's Church

St. Alkmund's Church was founded in the 10th century, possibly by Aethefleda, daughter of King Alfred. She claimed descent from Alkmund, a Northumbrian prince murdered circa AD 800 near Derby. Of the mediaeval church only the tower and spire remain, dating from circa 1475 and forming part of Shrewsbury's remarkable hilltop skyline.

Old St. Alkmund's was demolished in the early 1790s, a victim of the panic that gripped Shrewsbury following the collapse of old St. Chad's in 1788. The new St. Alkmund's was at the cutting edge of the new technology of its day, having thirteen large windows framed in cast iron made at Coalbrookdate in the Ironbridge Gorge in east Shropshire. Of these windows only four survive, the remainder having been replaced by stone-traceried windows in a late 19th century re-working.

The chief ornament of the church is the east window with its cast iron framed filled with painted glass by Francis Eginton of Birmingham. Installed in October 1795 at a cost of 210 guineas, this window is a rare survival of Eginton's work, the design being based on a painting by Guido Reni (1642) now in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich.

In the last ten years much repair work has been carried out in the church with generous support from English Heritage, the Georgian Group, Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and other charitable donors including the Friends of St. Alkmund's.

St. Alkmund's provides a tranquil haven in the historic centre of Shrewsbury and the doors are open every day from 9.30am to 5.00pm. The acoustics are excellent and the organ (on long loan from the Royal School of Church Music) is available for tuition in organ playing through the Sam Baker School of Music based in the church.

St. Alkmund's is also the spiritual home of the Shropshire Army Cadet Force.

The church is available for hire for concerts, drama, lectures and conferences. It is not licensed for alcohol or amplified music. Telephone 01743 244668 or 01743 353424 for further information.

[www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/stalkmunds.html](http://www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/stalkmunds.html)

### Membership Application Form

I would like to join the Friends of St Alkmund's, Shrewsbury  
Please regard all payments made to the Friends of St Alkmunds as Gift Aid donations \* Charity number: 1117164

*\*Please remember that to make a Gift Aid donation you must pay an amount of UK income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that can be reclaimed on your donation.*

Title & Name (in CAPITALS please)

Home Address

Post Code

Telephone no.

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Signature

Date

THE MINIMUM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS £12

I have completed the Bank Standing Order form below for payment of my subscription, or I enclose herewith a cheque made payable to **Friends of St Alkmund's** in the sum of £.....

*Please complete and return this form to the secretary, address overleaf*

### Bank Standing Order Form

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*In figures and words*

on .....(date) and thereafter annually on

.....(day/month) until further notice, and debit my account

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Account number.....

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Signature.....

Date.....

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