

THE FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, ALDRINGHAM

The Friends of St Andrews was originally set up in April 1997 to help fund the vestry extension and since that time has raised over £16,000. The vestry extension enables us to provide refreshments comfortably after services and during concerts. The "Friends" is a voluntary organization which provides a network for those who love our church and its surroundings but who do not necessarily worship here regularly.

We held many successful events in 2009, firstly the Quiz Night in March, raising £531. The Spring Concert in April raised £430. The Spring Coffee Morning and Plant Sale was held in May and raised £356.22. Our big event of the year is the annual Craft Fair, held in August in the Ogilvie Hall in Thorpeness, which raised £1008. The Craft and Coffee Morning took place in the church vestry, in November, raising £332.72. Further funds have been raised from the sale of plants and seeds from the Suttons Seed Catalogue, £67.78, and from the sale of plants by Peter Savage, £145.55. The Committee of The Friends of St Andrews would like to thank everyone who has supported our events in 2009 and we look forward to seeing all our regular supporters from the local parishes and visitors to the area at the events planned for 2010. Events during 2009 raised a total of £2,871 for the Fabric Fund.

We continue to raise funds to keep the Fabric Fund topped up for the future. Essential major repair work to the exterior of the church began in June, and the church was closed from early September to 8th November, 2009, for internal work and redecoration to be completed. This was a very expensive repair and much needed for the continued good condition of our church.

The "Friends" would very much like to increase its membership, especially if you are available to help with some of our fundraising events. If you would like to become a Friend of St. Andrews, you will find membership leaflets in the church porch and on the table just inside the church. Alternatively phone me with your details and I will send you a form. By becoming a Friend you will share with the worshipping community a concern for the fabric of the church, the upkeep of the churchyard and its future.

If you would like to join the "Friends" please contact
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Membership is	£10 per individual
	£20 per family
	£100 life membership