

# Tiptree URC - Friends of the Chapel Garden Scheme

## Purpose of the Scheme

To encourage and to enable well-wishers to support financially the maintenance of the church garden and Memorial garden – the “Chapel Garden”.

### More generally, we seek –

- to maintain the garden in a neat and tidy condition so that it provides a pleasant experience for those visiting graves and other memorials in the Chapel Garden.
- to honour the memory of those who have passed away, and to share the love of God to others in the community.

### How we achieve this, and the challenges faced

For some years the church has engaged a small garden maintenance contractor to maintain the church garden and Memorial garden area. This is paid for using the rental income from land donated to the Chapel in years past, together with fee income from burials etc., and other donations.

Unfortunately, the amount of guaranteed income received each year does not cover the costs of the full range of maintenance work necessary. Ad hoc fees and gifts do help, but we still have to take tough decisions about how to spend our limited resources. Priority work includes trimming the main grass areas and around individual plots, and hedge pruning.

Any additional support we receive in the form of donations helps us to do more to keep the garden maintained to a neat and tidy standard.

### What we ask of Friends of the Chapel Garden

Simply, we ask Friends to contribute towards the costs of ongoing maintenance of the Garden by making a financial donation. This might be either:

- A one-off donation
- Ad hoc donations made from time to time
- Regular donations, either by bank transfer or other means

The more Friends we have, especially those willing to support us with regular donations, the better able we will be to care for our Chapel Garden well into the future. If you would like to become a Friend, please fill in the attached application form.

**Thank you**

**Friends of the Chapel Garden Scheme**

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# Tiptree URC Application to join the Friends of the Chapel Garden scheme

I/we would like to be registered as a Friend of the Chapel Garden.

It is understood that donations made will be used specifically for the maintenance of the garden area at the front and rear of the Tiptree URC church, Chapel Road, which incorporates the Memorial garden.

## Personal details

Full name/s (including title)	
Full address including postcode	
Telephone number	
Email	

*Contact details will not be passed on to third parties and will be kept securely. We may use details so that we can alert Friends about special church events held from time to time.*

I am/we are content to be contacted from time to time about special church events. Yes /No

**How you wish to offer support** – please indicate what you have in mind

Type of Donation	Amount
A one-off donation	
Ad hoc donations from time to time	
By standing order (please contact the administrator for the bank account details)	
Other – please give details	
Signed	
Date	

Donations may be handed in at the Church, or cheques may be sent to the church (payable to Tiptree United Reformed Church), address:

Attn. Administrator, Friends of the Chapel Garden Scheme, Tiptree URC, Chapel Road, Tiptree, Essex, CO5 0HP

**Thank you for your help**

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