We are privileged to have in our village, one of the most beautiful mock-mediaeval Churches in the country. The grand architecture of St. John’s provides the focal point, indeed the very heart of what is Upper Hopton.

 ‘**The Friends of Upper Hopton Parish Church’** was formed in 1984 to maintain the fabric and structure of St. John’s Parish Church. ***The objective of the association is to cooperate with the Parochial Church Council in the preservation and adornment of Upper Hopton Parish Church; to promote public interest in the church, its history and work; and to seek to bind together in a common fellowship all who live and work in the parish or who worship in the parish church.***

We have a Council of twelve parishioners and a membership that is open to anyone who wishes to ensure that our church is kept as a focus of our village life. In 2000 the Friends assisted in funding the design and installation of the Millennium window, together with installation of protection for all the stained glass windows; a new churchyard gate adjacent to Croft House; the lych gate ramp and in 2015 the wonderful internal alterations to provide a toilet, a beverage kitchen and meeting room. The next major project will be to restore the painting in the Sanctuary and bring them back to their original beauty. Alongside this there are plans to repair our organ which is 126 years old this year.

**As a Friend you will**

* be invited to all the social activities, concerts and special services
* receive a financial report annually
* be invited to the AGM in July each year

If you are interested in becoming a **Friend of Upper Hopton Parish Church** then please complete the form below and return it with your donation. If you are a UK taxpayer, we are able to reclaim the tax if you gift aid your donation by signing where indicated. Thank you very much for your interest.

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**FRIENDS OF UPPER HOPTON PARISH CHURCH**

Name :-

Address :-
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Email address

I wish to be a member of the Friends for 2019/2020 and wish to donate

£5 [ ] £10 [ ] £15 [ ] Other amount £[ ] (Membership fee is a minimum donation of £5 per person per annum.)

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Cheques may be made out to “Friends of Upper Hopton Parish Church”

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**Please return to**

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