

## How you can help now:

Please become a Friend of St Oswald's!

If just 500 Bollingtonians would be willing to **donate £2 a month on a regular basis**, St Oswald's would no longer be threatened with closure!

We would instead be able to respond confidently to everyone who asks for our help, in times of need or celebration.

We could continue to provide appropriate services and professional care, whilst offering simple friendship, a warm welcome, and a unique space for the development of spirituality and worship, for many years to come.



## It's easy to become a Friend!

1. Simply fill out the enclosed form and return it to the PCC Secretary c/o St Oswald's Church, Bollington Road, Bollington, Cheshire SK10 5EG.

2. Or - visit our church website <http://stoswaldbollington.org.uk> and register there to join our Friends Scheme. You can also download a form from our website "Donations" page or set up a Standing Order directly with your bank for a monthly payment of £2.00 or any other amount you choose to give.

Our bank details are:

**Bank:** NatWest, Macclesfield Branch  
**Account name:** The Anglican Parish of Bollington PCC  
**Sort code:** 01-05-41  
**Account no.:** 39536416  
**Reference:** Friends



St Oswald's Church is part of the Church of England, but we receive no funding from the national church at all.

However, St Oswald's is 'there' for *everyone* in Bollington: we hope you agree that our town would be much the poorer without it.

**Thank you for whatever help you can give!**

St Oswald's: Your Parish Church  
Bollington Road, SK10 5EG



## We are urgently inviting you to



## become a Friend of St Oswald's

The Sunday Times has said that Bollington is a great place to live, and we certainly agree!

Bollington has it all: beautiful countryside, a great community, excellent schools, vibrant arts centre, medical centre, shops, restaurants, pubs... and of course St Oswald's - a well-kept and accessible Arts & Crafts style Church of England parish church.

**But how much longer will your parish church be here?**

### Here are the hard facts:

St Oswald's costs up to £90,000 a year to run. That breaks down to £7,500 a month, or £1,730 each week!

This includes the cost of our full-time Parish Priest, the upkeep of our church building and also of St John's Churchyard and Columbarium. Plus there are all the different kinds of services and pastoral care we offer throughout the course of a year to the whole community of over 8,000 people around us in Bollington and Kerridge!

Despite generous support from other people when we have special appeals for charity or building improvements, the burden of meeting our running costs is falling almost entirely on around one hundred regular worshippers.



We love the church, and will continue to give all we can, but the truth is that we can no longer pay the bills, however careful we are to minimise our housekeeping expenses.

Our primary school children have just helped us celebrate 110 years since we opened our doors. But at this rate, St Oswald's will sadly have to close before many of these children themselves get to become parents, let alone grandparents!



## What St Oswald's has done for you over the years:

Many of you will have been welcomed by St Oswald's for various reasons:

- Christenings & thanksgivings
- Fun events for your children
- Schools' Experience Weeks
- Praise & Play toddler group
- Pre-teens' After School group
- Wedding Celebrations
- Funerals & Bereavement Care
- Christingles & Christmas Eve
- Good Friday & Easter services
- Light Parties, Family Fun Days
- Remembrances, Village events
- Animal Blessing services
- Charity Fundraisers & Socials
- Concerts & Exhibitions
- Quiet Spaces for Prayer
- Maintaining our Churchyard for the whole community

*"Religion at its best will always welcome the stranger, mend wounds, share blessings, remove barriers and expand the table."  
(John Pavlovitz)*

## Application to become a Friend of St Oswald's, the Parish Church of Bollington

*It is easy to become a Friend.  
All we need are a few details from you.*

Please enrol me/us as a Friend of St Oswald's Church, Bollington.

I/we want to help to preserve St Oswald's as an important asset for future generations of Bollingtonians.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please return your application to:

PCC Secretary c/o St Oswald's Church,  
Bollington Road, Bollington, SK10 5EG

## I want to Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, this will increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given, at no extra cost to you or Friends of St Oswald's.

Please tick this box if we can apply for Gift Aid to increase the benefit of your donation to the Friends of St Oswald's.

I want to Gift Aid my donation. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

## Keeping your data secure

*Your privacy is important to us and we want to communicate with you in a way that has your consent, and which is in the line with UK law on Data Protection. By signing this form, you will enable us to keep you informed of events that are happening at St Oswald's, and to contact you for fund-raising purposes. We undertake to keep your contact details secure. Thank you.*

Please tick this box if you do NOT want us to contact you with more information.



## Bank Standing Order

*Please complete this section, detach it, and send it directly to your bank. Or, if you bank online, it is easy to go to your account and set up a Standing Order there.*

To \_\_\_\_\_ Bank.

Bank's address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please make the following payments from my account:

Name of account: \_\_\_\_\_

Account no.: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay £ \_\_\_\_\_ per month, with the first payment being on (date you choose) \_\_\_\_\_

### To St Oswald's Church Bollington at:

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