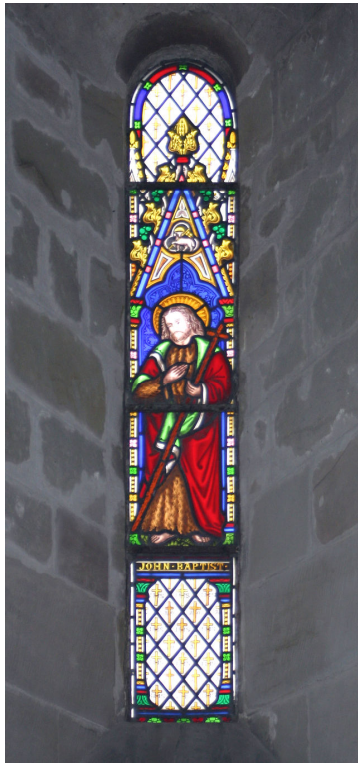


The Friends of



The Norman
Window

Worship at
St John the Baptist Church
Stowe-by-Chartley

1st & 3rd Sundays: Holy Communion 11.15am

2nd Sunday: Holy Communion 9.30am
Evensong 6.30pm
(April to November)

4th Sunday: Holy Communion 8.00am
Matins 11.15am

You are very welcome at any of these services.



St. John
the
Baptist
Church

Stowe-by-Chartley

A Brief History

of this Grade Two Listed Building

For nearly a thousand years there has been a church in Stowe. The present building dates from about 1150 AD and its Norman origins can still be seen in its thick walls with their flat buttresses, in the chancel arch and in the well preserved South door.



Under a Tudor arch is the imposing tomb of the Garter Knight, Sir Walter Devereux, and his two wives. He fought for Henry VIII in the French wars and died in 1558. Nearby are the 20th century memorial tablets (designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens) to General Sir Walter Congreve and his son William, both holders of the VC.

The East window contains some fine stained glass from the Camm family's works in Smethwick and was installed in 1926. The 14th century tower houses six bells, five of which were cast in the 16th and 17th centuries.



A stroll among the headstones in the attractive churchyard reminds us of the hundreds of people who lived and died in the village and it is our aim to preserve the church and its surroundings for future generations.

The Friends

Most people who want to be associated with a particular church do so for a personal reason. Often it is because their own, or family names, are written in the baptism, marriage or burial registers. Sometimes, as the comments in our Visitors' Book reveal, it is because the peace and beauty of the place appeals in an increasingly busy and frantic world. Maybe, in your case, you grew up in this village and thought of St John the Baptist as your church but now, living further away, your sense of belonging has faded. By becoming a Friend you can renew that link.



Maintaining an ancient building such as this, with the inevitable costly repairs that occur from time to time, is a difficult task for a small community and we greatly appreciate any support that is offered. As a Friend, you will be helping us to preserve the beauty, traditions and fellowship of this building and to keep it as a quiet space for prayer and reflection.

The individual annual subscription is £10.00. Information about any special events hosted by the church is to be found on the Stowe Church page of our website:

www.midtrentchurches.org.uk

If you would like to become a Friend please complete the attached application form and return it to the address shown.

Membership Application Form

Please return to: The Vicar
2 Vicarage Way, Hixon ST18 0FT
or to: Jenny Brown, Holgate, Stowe Lane, Stowe.

(Block capitals please)

Name:

Address

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Post code Tel no

E-mail

(Please tell us if you have one - it will save a lot of paper and postage)

I enclose a cheque for £ made payable to
PCC Stowe-by-Chartley

or

I wish to pay by Banker's Order (please complete below)

Banker's Order

To the Manager Bank plc

Address

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.....Post code.....

Please pay to

PCC Stowe-by-Chartley, c/o Lloyds TSB Bank,

Market Square, Stafford. ST16 2BE

Sort code 30-98-00 Account number 1562224

The sum of £.....(figures)(words)

Commencing on the(day),(month)

of 20..... and annually until further notice.

Name (Capitals)

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