

Parish of South Gillingham St Peter's Church Bredhurst



The Bredhurst Paten

This paten shows the *manus dei*, the hand of God the Father, descending from heaven. The symbol was commonly used on patens until the late Middle Ages. The three extended fingers signify the three persons of the Trinity – God the Father, God the Son (Christ) and God the Holy Spirit.

The paten may be seen at the V&A museum in London in the church silver and stained glass section. It is one of the oldest pieces in the country.

Memorial Gifts in the Church and Churchyard

800 years ago this beautiful paten was given to St Peter's. The stained glass windows and the font are also memorial gifts. The building we have today is as the result of gifts made by those who loved this place. If you would like to make a gift, large or small, please do get in touch with us. Gifts can be made anonymously or recorded in our Memorial Gifts Book as you wish.

St Peter's receives many requests to make gifts in memory of loved ones. We are thankful that you are considering making a gift to our beautiful church. This guide is designed to help you choose a gift that will be appropriate for yourselves as well as one that will fit in with local and diocesan policy.

As an ancient building, St Peter's and the churchyard are required to meet specific rules and regulations. We would very much welcome and encourage a conversation with you about what you would like to purchase to ensure it meets those rules we are required to observe. We will then follow this conversation up with written confirmation for your assurance.

The names of those remembered through memorial gifts can be entered into the **Memorial Gifts Book** displayed in the chapel. We are unfortunately not able to accept the placing of plaques on particular items.

The names of all those interred in the churchyard are entered in the **Book of Remembrance**, displayed in the chapel.

Making a monetary donation

If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can do so in two ways:

- Cheques can be written, made payable to “Parish of South Gillingham (St Peter’s)” and sent to:
The Parish Treasurer
St Matthew’s Church,
Drewery Drive,
Gillingham
Kent
ME8 0NX
- You can also make a donation by BACS transfer:
Sort Code: 40-52-40
A/C Number: 00021389
Reference: Your Name

If you are a UK tax payer then we can reclaim the tax you have paid on any donation without any cost to you. This can add 25% to your gift. Please do ask us if you would like to arrange this.

Making an Entry in the Memorial Gifts Book

A typical entry might read, “A donation (*of xxxx*) was made in loving memory of *N, dates*”, followed by about two lines of any text you wish. If in doubt, please do have a look at the book, which is in the chapel.

For more information on anything in this leaflet, please call Rev. Pam Alexander on 01634 817500 or email pam.alexander14@gmail.com.

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