

Parish of South Gillingham St Peter's Church Bredhurst

Making a monetary donation:

Either by cheque payable to
"Parish of South Gillingham (St Peter's)" and sent to:

The Parish Treasurer
St Matthew's Church,
Drewery Drive,
Gillingham, ME8 0NX

or by BACS transfer to
Sort Code: 40-52-40
A/C Number: 00021389
Reference: Your Name

For either method, please send us a letter or email indicating the purpose for which you wish the funds to be used and also if you wish us to reclaim the tax you have paid on the donation through the Gift Aid scheme (you need to be a UK tax payer and to have paid tax at least equivalent to the Gift Aid reclaimed.)

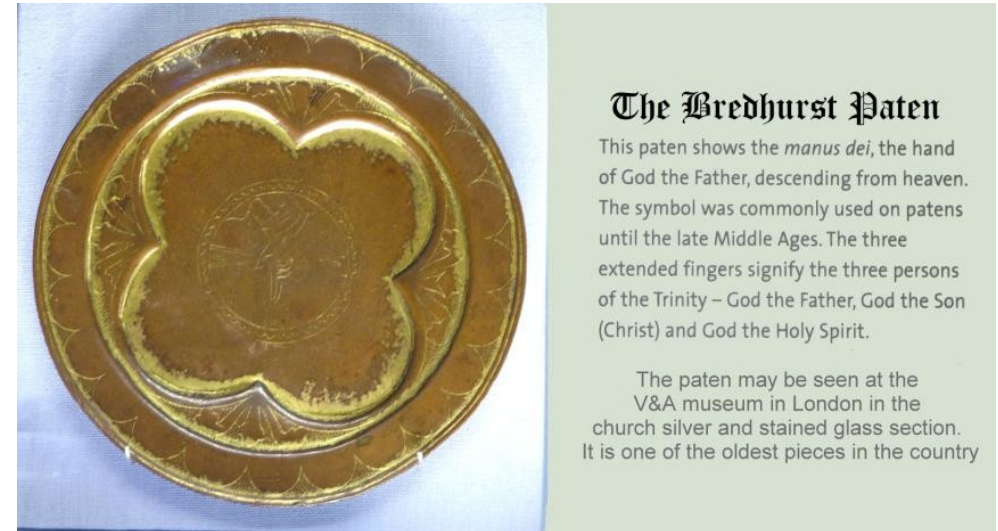
Donating an item from our list

Please call the Vicar, Graham, on 01634 373036
or email graham@bredhurstchurch.org.uk.

Making an Entry in the Memorial Gifts Book

A typical entry would 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, have a look at the book, which is in the chapel. For more information or to have an entry made please call the Vicar, Graham, on 01634 373036 or email graham@bredhurstchurch.org.uk.

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF SOUTH GILLINGHAM
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Guidelines for Memorial Gifts in the Churchyard and Church

Issue February 2015

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 contact us. Gifts can be anonymous or recorded in our Memorial Gifts Book as you wish.

St Peter's receives many requests to make gifts as memorials to loved ones. In the past, we have had to refuse some proposed gifts as they did not fit in with either local or diocesan policy. This guide is designed to help you choose a gift that will be accepted.

The list opposite indicates the items that we will currently be pleased to accept. We particularly welcome donations to our various funds. You can specify which fund you wish to support.

St Peter's is an ancient building which, together with the churchyard, is subject to many rules and regulations.

Please do not make any arrangements to purchase a particular item until you have our specific written permission.

Details of how to make a bequest are on the back page.

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

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

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 ask us if you would like to arrange this; it is very simple and we don't need any personal information beyond your name and address and a letter asking us to Gift Aid your donation.

Please note that we are not able to accept any further gifts of benches in the churchyard, other than replacement or relocation of existing benches by the original donor family.

Memorial Gifts List February 2015

This is a list of the items we are currently requiring. Please check with us before placing an order for goods.

Items

- Flowering Trees for planting in the new churchyard. Please discuss the location and type we are looking for with Ronnie Murray, 01634 363456, or allow us to choose. The trees cost from £25.
- Donations towards the cost of a new boundary hedge are welcomed. Plastic memory balls can be personalised and added to the plants for a minimum donation of just £1 each.
- Replacement Radio Microphones (but please note that these need to be a specific type)
- Altar Linen

Funds

When making a monetary donation, your gift is held in a designated account for the purpose you have specified. It cannot be used for any other purpose, which can make things difficult if, for example, a project is over-funded. For this reason we prefer donations to one of our overall funds.

- Projects and Preservation Fund - We have replaced the lighting, repaired the churchyard fencing and gates, reordered the chapel, replaced the roof, re-hung the bells and replaced the guttering in recent years. We are currently preparing major drainage works.
- General Fund – for our general running costs. It costs about £1000 a week to run St Peter's and all help is greatly appreciated.
- Churchyard Fund – for upkeep and improvement of the churchyard. You can also donate to the Prayer Walk project.