

Yes, I'd like to be a member of the Friends of Little Gidding

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Please fill in the amount you would like to give. Minimum annual subscriptions are as follows:

individuals: £15

families (two adults at the same address): £25

patrons: £50

I enclose a cheque for £.....
payable to 'The Friends of Little Gidding'.

Those using phone, postal or internet banking or standing orders can request payments direct to our bank: Lloyds TSB, Huntingdon, sort code 30-94-47 and account number 02985211 in the name of The Friends of Little Gidding. It is important to identify your name in the reference box. Please email details to the Hon Treasurer: treasurer@littlegidding.org.uk

If you are a UK taxpayer it will increase the value of your gift to us if you complete the Gift Aid declaration on the other side of this form.

We will not share your personal information with anyone without your permission.

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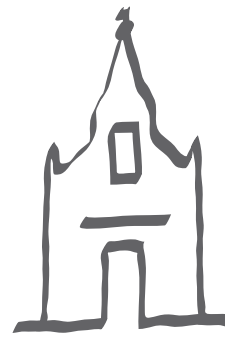
The Society of the Friends of Little Gidding is a charity registered in England, number 1102857

The Charity's objects are:

- (1) the advancement of religion, and in particular:
 - (i) to give thanks to almighty God for the holy lives and examples of Nicholas Ferrar and those who shared his life at Little Gidding,
 - (ii) to venerate his memory and to honour those ideals of Christian family life of which Little Gidding formed so perfect a pattern,
 - (iii) to take a practical and active interest in the care, upkeep and adornment of the church at Little Gidding and its precincts,
 - (iv) to arrange, as occasion provides, for visits and pilgrimages to Little Gidding, and in any other ways that may be deemed fitting, to preserve the sense of Little Gidding as a holy place, from which the sanctity can never depart,
 - (v) to assist and support the provision of accommodation and facilities for pilgrims and other visitors to come to, visit, or stay at Little Gidding.
- (2) to advance the education of the public in the life of Nicholas Ferrar at Little Gidding and also the connection of T.S. Eliot with Little Gidding.

Loving God, the Father of all,
whose servant Nicholas Ferrar
renounced ambition and wealth
to live in a household of faith and good work:
keep us in the right way of service to you
so that, feasting at the table in your household,
we may proclaim each day the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

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FRIENDS OF LITTLE GIDDING

Little Gidding is a haven of hospitality
and quiet spirituality in a busy world.

We need your support to

- maintain Little Gidding as a holy place
- look after the Church
- remember the life of Nicholas Ferrar and his family
- celebrate the connection with T S Eliot

Join the Friends of Little Gidding today!



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Use Gift Aid and you can make your donation worth more. For every pound you give to us, we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue. So just tick here. It's that simple.

I want the Friends of Little Gidding to treat all donations I have made since 6 April 2000 and all future donations as Gift Aid donations.

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.

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Nicholas Ferrar lived at Little Gidding from 1624 until his death in 1637.

In those years he and his extended family lived a life of regular prayer, and of service to the community.

Hallowed by their lives and their prayers, Little Gidding was then as it is now, a quiet place, off the beaten track. The Friends of Little Gidding, founded by Alan Maycock in 1946, exist to help care for this place, and to celebrate the life and witness of Nicholas Ferrar. The Friends organize, each July, a pilgrimage to Little Gidding, the heart of which is prayers at Nicholas's tomb in front of the church.

Nicholas Ferrar is also commemorated with a service in Little Gidding Church each year on 4 December, the date of his death in 1637.

The Friends help the PCC in their task of caring for the building and adorning it, and in maintaining the area around the church to retain and enhance its beauty and sacredness; the Friends also help to maintain Ferrar House as a place of hospitality for visitors.

The poet and writer T S Eliot came to Little Gidding in May 1936 to visit the place where Nicholas Ferrar had lived.

A few years later, in the depths of the Second World War, he wrote his famous poem 'Little Gidding' exploring the relationship between time and eternity.

Eliot was vice-president of the Friends from 1946 until his death in 1965. In 2006, to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of his visit, the Friends sponsored the first Eliot Festival at Little Gidding, an event honoured by the presence of the poet's widow, Mrs Valerie Eliot (pictured, top right). In 2007 the second Festival was held, jointly organized with the new T S Eliot Society, a mixture of scholarly talks, poetry reading, and an acclaimed musical concert inspired by the place and the poem.

The work of maintaining and enhancing Little Gidding and honouring the memory of Nicholas Ferrar continues. It needs time, money and continued prayers.

Please join us in this great task!

