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Please send this order to the Membership officer at the address
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Where is Edington?



Edington, set below the northern edge of Salisbury Plain, is one of a group of villages in a beautiful rural environment.

By car 45 minutes drive from Salisbury and Bath, with easy road links for the M3 and M4.

Public transport 4 miles from the main line railway station at Westbury for London, Bristol, South Wales and the South West. On the bus route from Trowbridge to Devizes, but the daily service is infrequent.

Refreshments Available in the village at The Lamb public house and at The Old Stable Tea Rooms, Fitzroy Farm, both on the main road B3098. The neighbouring villages of Bratton and Steeple Ashton each have a public house and a shop.

Accommodation Bed and breakfast opportunities in Edington, neighbouring villages and local market towns. There is visitor information on the tourism page of the local district council website www.westwiltshire.gov.uk.

When you visit Edington Priory Church For sale are postcards, pamphlets about the church history and architecture, and an illustrated souvenir guide. The bookstall has faith based literature and greetings cards. Do please sign the visitors book when you leave. Guided tours for visiting groups can be pre-arranged.

Church Events throughout the year Edington is host to a varied range of concerts given by visiting choirs and musicians. An annual list of these and other events is available in the church or through these websites:

www.acny.org.uk/9682
www.edingtonfriends.org.uk

EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH



'A wonderful church and a highly important church. It is so varied in its skyline and so freely embattled that it looks like a fortified mansion, and the solemn lines of the downs rising immediately south are the perfect foil.'

PEVSNER: THE BUILDINGS OF ENGLAND

The parish church of Edington, a small Wiltshire village below the north escarpment of Salisbury Plain, is an architecturally outstanding building of the 14th century.

The church is open daily to visitors. Regular Sunday services, celebration of the Christian festivals, and the annual Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy reflect centuries of worship and prayer from the monastic foundation to the Church of England rites of the present day.

THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SAINT MARY,
SAINT KATHARINE AND ALL SAINTS

EDINGTON, WILTSHIRE

History

Edington Priory Church is one of the important village churches of England, graded 4* by Simon Jenkins in his 1000 Best Churches. Built by William of Edington, Bishop of Winchester, it is an example of the transition from the medieval decorated to the perpendicular style. Completed in 1361, William then founded a monastery of the Bonshommes, an Augustinian order. The monastery was dissolved under Henry VIII in 1539, little of the monastic buildings remains, but the church has survived with minimal alteration to its design.

Sustained thereafter by the village parishioners, there have been three major restorations of the fabric: fine plaster ceilings and wood furnishing in the 17th century; a substantial restructuring at the end of the 19th century that retained the medieval character; and sensitive re-ordering and repairs in the 20th century.

Today the church is well maintained and welcoming to visitors who will see impressive altars, monuments and furnishings and appreciate the skilled work of generations who have cared for this place.

Worship

The principal Sunday service is the Parish Communion, a sung celebration using Common Worship, at 9.30am on most Sundays.

Evensong, a sung service using the Book of Common Prayer, is on two Sundays of the month at 6.30pm. Details of services are in the church porch and on the Church of England's website *A Church Near You* at www.acny.org.uk/9682.

Edington Music Festival

For one week in August every year since 1956 Edington has hosted a festival of music and liturgy. Singers from many of the great cathedral and collegiate choirs come together to take part in the daily services. A leaflet is available in the church from June each year and full information is on the website www.edingtonfestival.org.

Friends of Edington Priory Church

The substantial costs of maintaining the church are met by the parishioners, but they manage this with the dependable assistance of the Friends. These are people, most resident elsewhere than Edington, who have come to know this church and wish to give financial and moral support.



The Aims of the Friends are To assist the Vicar and Parochial Church Council of Edington in

- 1 The restoration and maintenance of the Church
- 2 The improvement of its furnishings and fittings where necessary, so that it may become more and more a source of inspiration and house of devotion.

Over the years since their foundation in 1956, the Friends have made grants totalling over £130,000 in fulfilment of these purposes.

Friends are welcomed at an annual meeting on Friends Day during the Music Festival and at occasional concerts and events. A twice yearly newsletter maintains contact with Friends who live too far away to visit Edington frequently.

Friends of Edington Priory Church is a registered charity (no. 00268249).

More information about the Friends is on the website www.edingtonfriends.org.uk

Please would you be a Friend of this Church?

The detachable membership form in this brochure should be sent to the Membership officer at the address on the form, or may be left in the box at the Friends information board in the church.

It saves us money if we can send news to members by e-mail.

Application Form

I should like to join the Friends of Edington Priory Church

Mr/Mrs/other _____ Initials _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Post code _____

telephone no _____

email address _____

Annual individual subscription £ _____
£10 minimum

Annual household subscription £ _____
(2 or more at same address) £15 minimum

Life membership £200 £ _____

*I enclose a cheque for the above amount
(payable to Friends of Edington Priory Church)
or I have completed the Banker's Order form
on the reverse (delete as applicable)*

Gift Aid Declaration

As a tax payer I wish the Charity to treat all donations that I make from the date of this declaration as a Gift Aid donation, unless I notify you otherwise.

Signature _____

Date _____

*Please return
the completed form
with appropriate
subscription to:*

**Membership Officer
Friends of Edington Priory Church
The Old Vicarage, Edington
Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 4QF**