**The Friends of the Parish Church of St. Mary’s Old Basing & Lychpit**

Registered Charity Number 1051202

c/o 22 Priory Gardens

Old Basing

Basingstoke RG24 7DS

**Rules of The Friends of St Mary’s Church Old Basing 50:50 Club (previously called 100 Club) effective from 1st July 2024.**

1. **Purpose**

The objective of the 50:50 club is to raise funds for The Friends of the Parish Church St Mary’s Old Basing and Lychpit Registered Charity Number 1051202 (“The Friends”). The Friends of St Mary’s Church raises money to help pay for the maintenance of the fabric of St Mary’s Church Old Basing and Lychpit.

1. **Eligibility for Membership**
2. All applicants must be aged 16 years or over on the date they join the 50:50 club.
3. **Application**
4. Application to join The Friends 50:50 Club (“The Club”) is in writing using the official application form.
5. Membership of The Club is payable by monthly standing order to the Friends Club bank account at a rate of £2.00 per month per number allocated ordinarily payable on the last day of each month. There is no limit on the numbers allocated to any one member.
6. The numbers will be allocated in chronological order by the administrator of The Club. New members will be allocated any “free” numbers before additional numbers are added.
7. Membership to The Club is for a minimum period of 1 (one) month.
8. No refunds will be given on Club subscriptions.
9. The applicant(s) will be responsible for ensuring that the administrator of The Club is notified of all changes of home address either via email from the email address recorded on the application form or in writing with a signature.
10. Any changes to an email address will need to be advised to the administrator of The Club in writing with a signature.
11. **Cancellation**

Cancellation of a subscription is to be given in writing to the administrator of The Club and not just by cancellation of the standing order.

1. **Prizes**
2. There is one prize which will be 50% of the monies collected in the previous month. Therefore the value of the prize may vary from month to month in line with the variable number of participants from month to month.
3. If there are less than 100 members the first prize will be less than £100
4. There will be no second or subsequent prizes.
5. All prizes will be payable by cheque or postal order. No cash will be given out.
6. Prizes will be delivered by hand or via Royal Mail to the address given on the application form.
7. The cheque or postal order must be cashed within 6 months of the draw.
8. **Drawing of the Numbers**
9. A member’s number(s) will only be entered into the draws after advance payment has been received directly into The Club bank account in accordance with the standing order mandate.
10. The draws will take place monthly.
11. The draws will be conducted by an individual other than an officer of the Friends but will be witnessed by a member of the Executive Committee of The Friends.
12. **Results**
13. The monthly winning number and prize will be posted on The Friends website and the winner notified. They will also be available from the 50:50 club administrator of The Friends of St Mary’s Church 50:50 Club.
14. **Future**

The Friends reserves the right to amend the rules of The Club. Current rules and application forms will be available at https://friendsofstmaryschurcholdbasing.org or on request from the administrator of The Club. Any change to these rules will be presented at an Annual or Special General Meeting of The Friends and agreed at that meeting.

1. **Transitional Arrangements for existing members**
2. These rules will come into effect from 1 July 2024
3. The Friends currently has two separate 100 clubs. The objective is to combine these into one club of over 100 members and with a new set of rules.
4. Anyone currently in one of the existing 100 clubs will be contacted and asked whether they wish to join The Club. Should they decline, they will need to cancel their subscription and will no longer be eligible to take part in the monthly draw.
5. All those who are or become members of The Friends of St Mary’s Church will be given new numbers in the new 50:50 club.
6. **Contact Details**

For further information please email admin5050@friendsofstmaryschurcholdbasing.org or contact the Chair of the Friends.