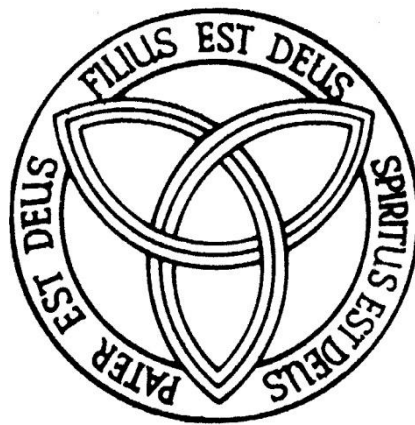




Welcome...as a Friend of Pleshey



PLESHEY: a quiet place within the life of the Diocese where through encounter with God we are inspired to holy living.





Each year, hundreds of people come in search of rest and renewal; to mature in a relationship with God; to give time for spiritual growth and to consider how best to go out and proclaim God in their community.

The Friends of Pleshey help support the work and ministry of the Retreat House:

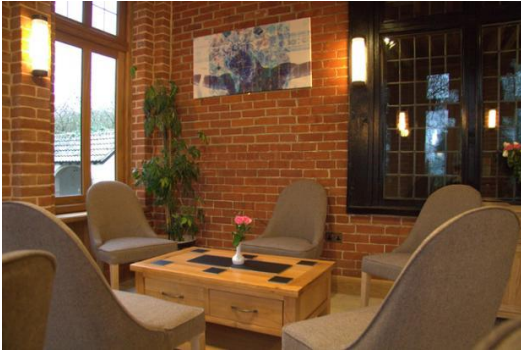
- by praying for the life and ministry of all who visit and work there,
- by, when available, giving time, support and money for the work of the Retreat House garden and chapel,
- by attending retreats, open days, fund raising events and quarterly meetings,
- by offering to be a “welcomer” to guests.

Our candle is lit in the chapel at noon each Friday and a vigil is kept for one hour in order to “hedge this place with prayer”.

The Friends of Pleshey group was founded in 1932 when Lucy Menzies was Warden, and since that time have played a vital and active part in the ministry of the Retreat House. She was a friend of **Evelyn Underhill** who became a well-known and respected retreat leader, conducting her first retreat in Pleshey in 1924. She said, of Pleshey, “this place seems soaked in love and prayer” and many of her retreats were conducted here.

Today there is a great resurgence and interest in her work and writing. She is still loved and honoured at Pleshey and her work goes on.





Why be a Friend?

To be part of the Body of Christ that gives thanks for time spent at the Retreat House and wants the same to be available to others.

To be prepared to join in prayer each Friday during the hour from 12 noon until 1pm, either at home or in the chapel. This supports the house and garden staff and all who visit the house.

To support annual events such as the retreats, open day, concert, stall at Bradwell Pilgrimage day and work day.

To receive a newsletter that will give up to date information on forthcoming events and reports on recent ones.

You are able to ask for a 5% discount on residential retreats.

A PRAYER FOR USE BY THE FRIENDS OF PLESHEY

Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Bless the Retreat House and all
who pass through its doors.
May it be a place of prayer,
peace and joy,
A source of refreshment,
renewal and new life

AMEN



To: The Treasurer, The Friends of Pleshey,
Chelmsford Diocesan House of Retreat, The Street, Pleshey, Essex, CM3 1HA

I would like to become a **Friend of Pleshey**

Name(s)

Address

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Telephone:

I enclose a cheque for £..... representing £10/£15 for individual/joint
subscription plus a donation of £..... to the Retreat House (*delete as
appropriate*). Please make all cheques payable to **“The Friends of Pleshey”**

Gift Aid Form

Name

Address

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I wish the Friends of Pleshey to treat the enclosed donation of £..... and all
future donations as Gift Aid Donations to the Chelmsford Diocesan House of
Retreat. I will notify you of any change of address or if I cease to pay
income/capital gains tax equal to or greater than tax reclaimed on my
donations.

Signed Date

Bankers Order

To: The Managerbank

Address:

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Please pay to **The Friends of Pleshey** Account No. **80360139** at HSBC Bank
plc, 99 High Street, Chelmsford, CM1 1EQ, Sort Code **40-17-08**, the sum of
(in figures) £.....(amount in words) on theday of
.....201..... and on the same day each succeeding year.

Please debit my Account No. Sort Code

Signed Date