

Friends of St Laurence – FOSL

FOSL was set up with the aim of sharing the grade 1 listed building and its churchyard with the wider community. Its aims were to organise working parties, hold social events and, occasionally, to send out a newsletter.

FOSL now have an account with Easy Fundraising as a simple way of raising funds for the church when you make a purchase on-line. Easy Fundraising works by taking a small percentage of the price the retailer charges you and giving it to St Laurence. It does not add anything to the cost of your purchase.

It works as follows:

- You go to Easyfundraising.org.uk and search for the cause “Friends of St Laurence Downton FOSL”
- Follow the simple instructions to register yourself as a donor.
- When you want to make a purchase, go first to easyfundraising.org.uk and search to see if the retailer you want to use is there (there are thousands of them including all the major ones) and make your purchase by using the link from EasyFundraising. The retailer will automatically make a donation to FOSL of between 0.5% to 4% of the value of your purchase.

After an enforced break of nearly two years churchyard working parties have resumed. If you would like to help with a variety of tasks just turn up at 10am on the first Saturday of every month for a companionable couple of hours of gardening and basic maintenance tasks.