

ADOPT A BOOK

The Chapter Library has been an integral part of the College of St George since its foundation in 1348.

Beginning as a collection of twelve hand-written volumes, which were kept chained to desks in the Chapel, the library has grown to contain **over 6000 rare books**. The volumes in the library range in date from the 12th to the 20th century and include **beautifully illuminated manuscripts** and some of the earliest examples of printed material. They cover subjects including religion, history, geography, natural science and literature. They represent a splendid sequence of material produced by the principle English and European scholars of their day.

THE LIBRARY'S NEEDS


The Adopt a Book scheme was begun in 1998 to fund a much-needed conservation programme for the books. The money raised so far has enabled over 1000 books in need of attention to be repaired by skilled professional conservators. In 2009 the scheme was expanded to include archival documents and wax seals. However, much essential conservation work remains to be done; work which cannot be undertaken without additional funding.

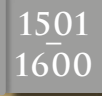
The Adopt a Book scheme provides a unique opportunity for you to play a vital part in the preservation of the library and archive collections. All adoptions are commemorated by a bookplate with wording of your choice and you are welcomed to regular events in the library with the opportunity to see your adopted book.


Front cover shows a court minute book for the manor of Ham before and after conservation

HOW YOU CAN HELP?


All those interested in helping are invited to adopt a book by making a donation of £50 or more:

 **£200** adopts a music manuscript, an archive volume or a document with a wax seal

 **£100** adopts a book printed from 1501 to 1600

 **£50** adopts a book printed from 1601 to 1700

Donations may be made by cheque (made payable to 'The Dean and Canon of Windsor') or by credit or debit card through the St George's Chapel website: www.stgeorges-windsor.org/archives/adopt-a-book/
All donations will be recorded in a benefactors' book.



PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I would like to Adopt a Book and help support the conservation work of the Chapter Library.

Please select the level of donation



Name

Address

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..... Postcode

Email address

Your contact details will be used to discuss the specifics of your book adoption and send you an Adopt a Book certificate.

From time to time we would also like to contact you with details of events organised by the Archives and Chapter Library and opportunities to view your adopted book.



Email



Post

If you consent to us contacting you for this purpose **please tick the boxes** left to indicate how you would like us to contact you.

Signature

Date _____

Your contact details will **not** be shared with anyone outside the College of St George.

A LASTING MEMORIAL

To record this special connection, a bookplate will be fixed to each book or manuscript that is adopted. This can be inscribed with your name, family or group. Some may desire to commemorate a special event or anniversary.

Wording to appear on the printed bookplate (example below):

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*Libera Capella Regia Sti. Georgii
infra Castrum de Windsor*

Mr & Mrs J Smith

On the occasion of their
25th Wedding Anniversary

1st May 2018

Please return this form to:

**Archives & Chapter Library
The Vicars' Hall Undercroft
The Cloisters, Windsor Castle
Windsor SL4 1NJ**

*For further information, please contact us at the
above address, email us at*

*archives@stgeorges-windsor.org
or call us on 01753 848725*

GIFT AID DECLARATION

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I wish *The Dean and Canons of the Queen's Free Chapel of St George within Her Castle at Windsor*, an ecclesiastical corporation whose registered office is 2 The Cloisters, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle SL4 1NJ to treat this donation of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation. Tick one box below:

- This one-off donation to be treated as giftaid
- This and all future donations to be treated as giftaid

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

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Please notify the charity or CASC if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
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- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



**800 YEARS OF TREASURES
ADOPT A BOOK**



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ARCHIVES & CHAPTER LIBRARY