



THE RESTORATION PROJECT IS READY BUT NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF THE PARISH.....

The work

Following a professional assessment both the scope of the work required and its likely cost are understood.

There are three distinct elements to the work, each can be completed as a discrete project and each has an estimate for cost:

External Works:

The most essential part of the project. All the external drainage needs repairing. Damp is eroding the fabric of the church and we need to replace most of the external drains and guttering. Stonework will need inspection and repair where necessary. This phase also includes all the professional fees for the complete project.

Internal Fabric:

The interior plasterwork needs repair and the church needs a complete redecoration. We also plan to upgrade the heating to make it more comfortable in the winter months.

Miscellaneous:

A range of work covering the stone crosses, bells, porch and other elements. Each of these could be carried out individually over a longer period of time.

Cost summary:

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| External | £42,000 |
| Internal | £42,000 |
| Miscellaneous | £25,000 |
| VAT | £22,000 |
| Total project cost: | £129,000 |

These figures include a small contingency.

Funding

As well as being important to our local community our church is also an historically significant building with a unique history, this has helped us approach major funding bodies for grants. It has also allowed us to explore a wider range of potential funding opportunities.

We have been successful in obtaining a grant of £50,000 from Viridor, this is the maximum they can award; we are very grateful to them.



The Oxfordshire Historic Churches trust has granted £10,000

We have a further £8,300 from a range of smaller gifts including personal donations.

So our total provisional funding is £68,300

In addition, we hope to be able to reclaim nearly half of the VAT bill. So in total we need to raise about £120,000, meaning we have just over £50,000 to go.

There are a number of other bodies we are approaching for funding support, these include National Churches Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, New Zealand High Commission, All Churches Trust and others.



Singing for St Andrews

A selection of music sung by Samuel & James Costello accompanied by James Martin.

Local Support

All the funding bodies we have approached require the support of the local community.

Our target is to raise a further £5,000 from the local community, it means that we will contribute a further 5% of the total project cost.

It equates to roughly £150 per house in our community, or £125 if the donations are covered by gift aid.

We know everyone has different circumstances but we hope donations will come through, large or small it all helps. There will, of course, be some sponsorship forms circulating this summer as we get on bikes, put on running shoes or find other ways to raise this much needed cash.

As we are such a small village we don't have the resources to mount fetes and such like so we will be reliant on individual donations. We already have pledges for £900

Next steps

We will only commit to each of the three phases once we are sure we have the funding to complete the phase. We want to complete the external works this summer.

We will continue to submit grant applications with bodies who we think could help us.

You can donate to the fund by sending a cheque to

Nigel Lambert.

Latchmore, Oddington. OX5 2RA

Cheques should be made payable to Oddington PCC

If you haven't already completed one please enclose a signed Gift Aid form. It can be downloaded from http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/appendix_b1.pdf

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