



THE NEXT STEPS.....



After three months of work the first phase of the planned restoration is nearing completion. The work has included:

- New drainage and guttering.
- Re-pointing the external stonework.
- Repairing the internal plaster work.
- New lighting.
- New heating.
- Complete re-decoration.
- Porch floor repairs .
- New electricity supply.

As well as a long list of more minor works.

The full extent of the work can be seen by anyone who walks through the gate to the church yard. From this point on the repair work is evident.

Stepping inside reveals the full glory of our splendid Church of St Andrew. Its simple vaulted ceiling, stone columns and plaster walls are now restored and looking splendid. It really is a wonderful example of a local mediaeval Church.

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The first phase has dealt with all of the urgent work that was needed on our Church; the next phase deals with the less urgent matters.

Our initial scope is based on the areas we know to require refurbishment or repair; later this year we are due the regular five yearly inspection by an architect appointed by the diocese.

This inspection may lead to other items being added but we hope that the initial list is as comprehensive as possible.

The key areas to tackle are:

- The two stone crosses on the roof of the church - both of which need repair and restoration.



- The bells - which need some refurbishment work to ensure we can continue to ring them. We have had an initial view on what's required from a professional restoration company but we are seeking further advice.
- The Bell Tower - which needs protection from the elements.
- The Preaching Cross - which needs repair and restoration.
- The stone wall surrounding the Church yard. The wall needs repairing in a number of places to ensure it remains upright and safe.

So we will be trying to raise just a bit more..

Everyone has been incredibly generous in supporting the first stage of the work. We are now asking for that generosity to extend to completing the remaining works and ensuring we have a village church that will see us through many more decades.

The church is a wonderful and important part of our village; we hope you will continue to support it.

To donate to our fund:

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