



WORK STARTS IN THE NEW YEAR

Phase 1 gets underway

Whilst we have yet to reach our overall funding target we do now have enough to start the first of the restoration work.

All the approvals for the planned restoration work have now been received, with just a final OK needed from the Diocese.

With assistance from the Architect the tenders were issued in August and responses have now been collated and reviewed. It's clear that whilst we don't have the funds in place to complete everything we do have enough to undertake the first stage of improvements.

We will now work with the Architect to agree the scope of work for the first phase.

Builders will be on-site from January with completion expected in Spring.

Village Donations

We now have donations and pledges totaling £13,500.

Not only are these donations vital to the overall project they are very helpful when it comes to grant applications as they demonstrate our support for our church.

Our thanks to everyone for the support.

Funding

In August we reported that we had just over £70,000 in funds for the work. This figure has now risen to over £84,000. Still below our target of £129,000 but good progress.

Grant applications continue to be made to organisations that may support us. This month we have received support from the Garfield Weston Trust.

This is all in addition to the fantastic efforts of Nigel through his walk, Veronica with a cream tea afternoon and Rosemary and Karen's bridge event.



Maori visitors

The church has a long association with the Maori community as a result of Maggie Papakura living in the village in the 1900's.

Members of the Maori Community visited the Church in October. The group took the opportunity to pay homage at the grave of Maggie. Glenys Edwards and Karen Stanley-Price then laid on refreshments as the visitors spent time exploring the church.



Nigel's epic trek!!

Nigel Lambert completed his epic 790km trek ahead of his 35 day target. The scale of his achievement was clear to all that followed his daily twitter updates; blisters, sun, rain and lack of sleep made reaching Santiago de Compostela an amazing achievement. Nigel raised £5,500 from his trek. Read more at the Church web site or on Nigel's Just Giving page.

www.justgiving.com/NigelLambert

Ways to donate:

Send a cheque to

Nigel Lambert.
Latchmore, Oddington.
OX5 2RA

Cheques should be made payable to Oddington PCC

On Line

At our Just Giving page:

www.justgiving.com/standrewschurchoddington

Christmas at St Andrews:

Sat 22nd - 3 pm Crib service

Mon 24th - 11.30 Holy Communion

Tue 25th - 10am St Mary's Charlton

Find us on the web

www.churchofstandrewoddington.org