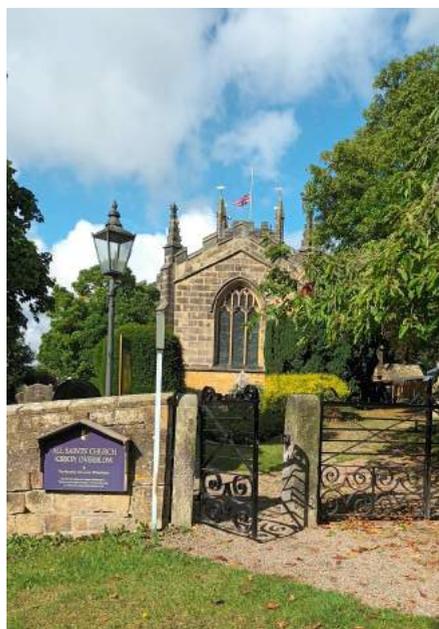


The Friends of All Saints' Church

Kirkby Overblow

Community 2022 Appeal



Community Appeal 2022

Ten years ago, All Saints' Church was reopened after extensive renovation.

Through the joint efforts of the Friends of All Saints' Church and the Parochial Church Council the huge sum of £186,000 was raised within a year, achieved by the generosity of the village and our wider community. Our ambition was to restore the church to its central place in village life as a venue for community events as well as continuing as a place of worship.

We are delighted to reflect and report how successful we have been in delivering this ambition. Not only were the essential repairs completed and new heating and lighting installed, but by removing the pews and replacing them with flexible seating, we have now gained a wonderful space, a place usable by any and all for so many different activities.

Our church is now recognised and visited by many as an example of just how well such a project can be done.

It is clear that our original intent has been more than achieved and we are very grateful to all of you who helped by your donations, but also who have used this wonderful village asset to enjoy any and many of its activities.

But challenges remain and we are now keen to ensure that this past success is reinforced by further supporting the works set out here.

Bruce Noble
Chairman
Friends of All Saints' Church

Rev. Craig Marshall
Rector
All Saints' Church



The Ukrainian appeal afternoon tea party, March 2022, raising £3,000.

Looking after a 400 year old Grade II listed building is an ongoing challenge.

Since the major reordering and restoration work project in 2010, costing £186,000 raised by private donations from over 90 households, we have spent a further £61,000 on the following items:-

Major roof repairs; repairs to stained glass and stone work; replacing lights with LEDs; installing an additional new bell; renovating the church gates; commissioning and installing the Rector's board and general work in the churchyard.

However some twelve years later there is a long list of items which need addressing -

The Front Door

For many years we considered replacing the main entrance door in order to let in more light and prevent the loss of warm air. We looked at many different solutions but felt that glass doors would welcome both the light and people into the church. This project has now been successfully completed and many parishioners and visitors have been complimentary on the new doors. The view is that the Church has a more welcoming feel and the extra light enhances the whole central area of the church.

The Clock

The turret clock dates back to 1782 when the tower was rebuilt. Over the years considerable work has been done to keep the clock in good working order. In 1823 it had a new face and in 1993 and 2000 automatic winding units were installed. However you might have noticed that although it keeps good time, it no longer chimes!!! It is in need of a major overhaul of its mechanism.

The Organ

A new organ was built in 1905 by Harrison and Harrison, the same make as in Westminster Abbey and York Minster albeit a little smaller! According to Harrison and Harrison, "It is a very good little organ", but some 120 years later this also requires some TLC, as it's a quarter of a century since it was last overhauled.

Church Paths

In 2010 the paths were re-gravelled, but overtime the grass has once again taken over. We need to provide easy access to the church and therefore new paths need to be laid, with a suitable surface and path edging, for the safe use of wheelchairs and pushchairs.

Sound system

When the system was installed in 1995, it was considered to be the best combination of the latest technological equipment in the country!! Well it is still working, just, but technology has indeed moved on and we feel that it now really needs to be upgraded, along with a new digital projector suitable for the 21st century.

The total amount for all this will be in excess of £70,000

These items are the most urgent ones. We also need to clean and repair the stain glass windows, do some more work in the kitchen and eventually plan to start work on the extension to the north of the Church.

How can you help ?

We are now asking you to help our appeal by making a donation, no matter how big or small, either by cheque or Bank Transfer to The Friends of All Saints' Church.

The Friends of All Saints' Church Kirkby Overblow

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The Friends is a charitable organisation set up in 2010 to raise the money for the reordering project. Since then, through various activities, it has continued to raise money to restore and maintain the fabric of the church building for community use.

The day to day running of the church is covered by donations from the worshipping congregation.

All donations, however large or small will be most welcome.

Please send your cheques to:

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**The Church belongs to the Whole Community
and enhances this wonderful village in which we live.**