"Dear friends, we are asking for your help to do some significant work at St Mary's Church in Alne"

Rev Chris Park, Vicar

A brief history

St Marys Church dates back to Norman times, and has been altered and additions made over the following centuries, to accommodate its role in the village. One of the most notable changes being the construction of the current brick tower, built in 1766 to replace a previous wooden tower blown down in high winds.

The church boasts many interesting artefacts & stained glass windows, and is home to some of the finest 12th century stone carvings in North Yorkshire.

Animal carvings located in the South porch date back to 1150, and an alabaster effigy of a lady from the 14th century, can be found within the church.



How St Mary's is funded

Like all parish churches, the day to day running costs of the church are the responsibility of the local Parochial Church Council (PCC) who care for, and maintain the church and it's contents.

These costs are only met by donations, plate collections, and the income from Baptisms, Weddings, funerals and social events etc.





The aims of the Restoration Appeal

The theft of the lead from the roof in 2013 has added to a long list of works, both internal and external, that are needed to keep St Mary's in good shape for the future.



The appeal aims to raise over £200,000, a large percentage of which can be raised through grants, although we still need to raise a significant amount ourselves, and hence the Appeal.

Our 'wish list' of works is divided into 2 phases: firstly External, to keep the building stable and watertight, followed by Internal, to replace some of the ageing fixtures and fittings.

What works are needed?

ESTIMATED COSTS (Phase 1) - External works

New roof, masonry, security etc

£137,800

ESTIMATED COSTS (Phase 2) - Internal works

Upgrade lighting, electrical, heating and audio, new carpet

£81,700

OVERALL COST ESTIMATE

£219,500

We hope to receive substantial grants towards this expenditure.

It is the sole responsibility of Alne PCC to raise funds and all donations to this appeal will be put into a restricted fund only to be used for restoration. Receipts will be issued periodically, if required.

How can you help?

Whether you are a regular member of the congregation, or occasional visitor, the church serves a very important role in the parish.

Many of us attend the Christmas, Easter and Remembrance services, as well as christenings, weddings and funerals throughout the year.

We have always benefited from the comfort of knowing, however frequently or infrequently we visit, that St Mary's helps to form part of the heart of our community.

Now it's time to pull together, as a community, to help sustain the life of St Mary's for future generations.

Whether as an individual, business, group or club, we invite you to help us raise funds to complete this work. Methods of donating and contact details are shown overleaf.





Gift Aid declaration

- for present & future donations

The Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Alne

Please trea	t as	Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made
today		in the future
Please tick	all b	oxes you wish to apply.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that 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 give on or after 6 April 2014.

Donor's details

Title First name or initial(s)
Surname
Full home address
Postcode
Date
Signature

Please notify the charity if you:

- · Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- · 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.

How to donate to the Restoration Appeal

1. Online - Just Giving website

Log onto www.justgiving.com/stmarysalnepcc

2. Cheque

One off donations made payable to **St Mary's Church Alne Restoration Appeal** to be sent to Ron Taylor (Treasurer) or Peter Cove (Warden) - addresses below.

If you wish to gift aid the donation, please cut off and attach the adjacent form to your cheque.

3. Bank to Bank Transfer

You can arrange a direct payment online, our bank details are -HSBC, Market Place, Easingwold YO61 3AA A/c name: Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Alne Sort: 40-20-02 Account: 91001426

Please notify the Treasurer so that payment can be traced in our bank. If you wish to gift aid the donation, please cut off the adjacent form and send to the Treasurer with your notification.

4. By Standing Order

We have a supply of Standing Order forms, please contact the Treasurer if you need one. If you wish to arrange the Standing Order direct with the bank, please notify the Treasurer so that payment can be traced in our bank. If you wish to gift aid the Standing Order, please cut off the adjacent form and send to the Treasurer with your notification.

5. Donation in Church

Please place in the Church Appeal Collection Box. This is located behind the rear pew at the back of the Church. Please insert your cheque or cash in the blue envelopes provided.

Contact us...

A small committee of volunteers have come together to manage this appeal -

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St. Mary's Church

ALNE -

RESTORATION APPEAL



An appeal to raise funds for the restoration of St Mary's Church Alne, North Yorkshire