



2020 Vision

ST PETER & ST PAUL GREAT SOMERFORD

FUNDRAISING APPEAL 2015-2020

Great Somerford's church needs immediate help.

Time, decay, rot, woodworm and the British weather now threaten the future of the most important and prominent building in our village.

The roof of this 15thC Grade 1 listed structure is in a 'fragile and critical' state and will not last much longer. As a priority, £200,000 is needed NOW to carry out vital repairs.

That's why we have launched a major Fundraising Appeal for a building which gives Great Somerford its unique identity. Without it, our village will never be the same.

AND IT DOESN'T STOP THERE...

Once weatherproof, the church needs improvements to the interior to make it fit for purpose in the 21st century.

Phase two of the work aims to regenerate the church facilities, not just for churchgoers but to benefit the wider local community.

There are currently no mains services or facilities, apart from an old electricity supply and limited central heating by a rather old boiler which has now almost come to the end of its useful life.

We therefore need to provide:

- a small kitchen
- toilet with disabled access
- updated heating, lighting and electricity supply
- limited reorganisation of the pews with new flooring, where necessary, will help make the church more user-friendly.

THIS WORK WILL ADD ANOTHER £200,000 TO THE COSTS

FACTS

The present building dates from the 15th century.

- A Church Architect conducted a survey of the work needed in August 2015.
- Based on his professional report, closure of the Church is a serious possibility until the roof is renewed.
- Permission from the Diocese to undertake the work has been given.
- Historic England has approved the roof specification, taking into account the conservation advice received from bat specialists.

RAISING THE MONEY

The history of the iconic St Peter and St Paul's church in Great Somerford stretches back more than 500 years.

Today's fundraising appeal bears the logo 2020 Vision. That's how long it will take to repair and regenerate our church and safeguard its future for generations to come.



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We have already started to apply for grants from charity, heritage and government sources to help cover part of the cost. Support is, however, usually only given on a match-funded basis. This means our community needs to work together to raise enough money to show we are determined to save this important building at the heart of our village.

The fundraising campaign will stretch over the next five years. Events and activities include planned Quiz nights, Open Gardens, Choir concerts, Beer Festival, Bridge afternoon and even a dance to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday next year.

Another important revenue-raising idea is to seek sponsors for new roof tiles with a record of donors to be displayed in the church.

That's just the start. It will be hard work, but it will be fun and we know our local community will be generous - as always - not just with their time, but with their ideas, energy, enthusiasm. And cash.

Please let us know how you can help.

Keep track of our appeal by visiting our website:

<http://greatsomerfordchurch.co.uk/> or

<http://www.greatsomerford.info/2020-vision/> or

Great and Little Somerford Public Group on Facebook.

Just Giving page coming soon.

Contact:

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Fundraising Committee:

Anna Kent (Chair) Alison Davies, Tricia Morris, Jonathan Loader,
Ros Blount, Sarah Law, Penny Miles, Richard Jefferson.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make a donation now
- Purchase tiles now
- Organise or attend a fundraising activity
- Add a legacy to your will
- Make an "In Memoriam Gift"

Cheques payable to "PCC of Great Somerford - Fabric Account" can be left at Fourways Stores or posted to Anna Kent, Park Farm, Dauntsey Park, SN15 4JJ, or pay direct to Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-91-99, a/c no. 60893460, ref. 2020 Vision.

Gift Aid will be applied where possible. Forms and further information available from the following:

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