

WINFORD CHURCH APPEAL

CHURCH OF ST MARY & ST PETER

Our beautiful Parish Church has been **at the heart of the village of Winford, for the village of Winford** for almost 600 years. Now we need your help to maintain it for future generations.



Our much-loved church here in Winford has been faithfully supported by our community and congregation ever since it was built in 1437. Over many centuries of change in the life of our village, St Mary & St Peter's has stood as a symbol of God's presence here in our village – a place of worship and a place for the community.

How do we serve God and serve you?

Our church is still an active place of worship, with at least three services held each month. These include our popular all-age Sunday First worship at which a free breakfast is made available. In addition to its regular services, the church welcomes many new members through Holy Baptism. Weddings are held regularly as well as many funerals and Memorial Services.

We also serve the village through community groups and initiatives. Pre-School children love our monthly **Sparklers** group which includes music, crafts and refreshments. We regularly welcome pupils and staff from **Winford Church of England Primary School** to worship with us. We publish and deliver **Your Village Magazine** to 950 households in the area for free each month.



A popular Community Concert at Christmas

Our 60-strong **Community Choir** meets to sing every month, enjoying the beautiful acoustic of our building. We take the lead on events such as our **Jubilee Street Party** and seasonal concerts. Many appreciate having a place for quiet prayer – the church is open every day, providing an important space for reflection and stillness.

How can you help?

The last major restoration works were undertaken over 30 years ago in 1992. Thanks to the generosity of villagers and vision of the church community, the 15th-century tower was restored. It remains in sound condition today. Unfortunately, in recent years the plasterwork on the north and south interior walls has become damp and needs to be replaced urgently.



What will this cost?

Following advice from our architect and a tender process, the contract for this work was awarded to Sally Strachey Historic Conservation at a cost of **£47,500**.

With great effort we have managed to raise £22,000 so far. But meeting the full cost of this work is beyond our means, so we are appealing to you – the community – to help us secure the future of St Mary & St Peter's by restoring its beautiful interior for future generations.

Will my donation be used by another church, or sent to the Diocese?

No. All proceeds will be used directly for this project at Winford Church.

Cheques may be made payable to **WINFORD PCC**

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