

Your village church needs your help!



Your Parish Church, St Matthew's, is a beautiful Grade 1 listed building, which has stood in this village in one form or another for about 1000 years. It now needs the help of the village community to maintain its heritage.

In July 2022 there was a significant theft of lead from the south aisle part of the church roof. Approximately a third of the lead was stolen. Since then we have had temporary repairs to try to keep the building watertight and we have been busy applying for the necessary permissions to replace the south aisle roof.

Replacing it with lead would have been quick, straightforward and cheaper but to do so would have left us vulnerable to thieves again. Instead, we have decided to replace the whole of the south aisle roof with Terne Coated Steel.

(If you are wondering where the south aisle roof is it is the single-storey roof which stretches along almost the whole of the back of the church building. It cannot be seen from ground level).

The cost for replacement is almost £39,000.

From insurance, grants, donations and fund-raising, we have (so far) raised £24,735.

We need a further £13,149

Can you help?

We really appreciate that times are hard, but any amount would help us towards the total.

TO GIVE BY BACS:

Bank: Lloyds

Account Name: Parochial Church Council of Salford Priors

Sort Code: 30-98-26

Account number: 01424298

To give from your mobile: follow this QR code to go straight to our website. Search for the 'Church Roof' Tab



If you prefer not to use the QR code search for:

<https://donate.mydona.com/st-matthews-church-s-priors> to reach our fundraising page.

Cheques can be made to The PCC of Salford Priors and sent to:

St Matthew's c/o The Vicarage, Station Road, Salford Priors, Evesham WR11 8UX

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Doesn't the national Anglican Church pay for the upkeep of their buildings?

No. All the costs associated with running the church and maintaining the building are met by church members who give regularly.

Can't you apply for grants?

Yes, we have been applying and so far we have received £7,100.

What about trimming your budget?

Our annual running costs are around £68,000.

The day-to-day work of the church is already sustained almost entirely by the giving of its members but the burden of this big roof bill is beyond us. If we have to pay for a large building expense in addition to our running costs, we will eventually have to cut back on the things we offer to the village (services, courses, children's activities, family link worker in school, community pantry).

So, if you value the presence of the church in your village and it being open to you each day; if you appreciate the peaceful churchyard and the beautiful building, then please consider:

- a) making a donation or
- b) leaving us a legacy or
- c) if these options aren't possible for you, you can still support us and raise money every time you shop online without it costing you a penny. Please sign up to **'Easyfundraising'** and make **'St Matthew's Church Salford Priors'** the cause you'd like to support. To help us get up and running, we've been offered an exclusive incentive for a limited time only. **For each new person who registers before Feb 15th, Easyfundraising will give us £1.**

You can download the app by searching for 'Easyfundraising' in your phone's app store, or scan, join and shop here.



We are sorry that while the roofing work is being done, the church will have to be locked Mondays to Fridays. Work started on 22nd January and will continue until 18th March 2024.

If this appeal should raise anything above the amount needed for the roof, we will use any excess for the upkeep of the church building and/or graveyard.

If you have any other questions please email:
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