

A tall, grey stone church tower with a clock face, set against a clear blue sky. The tower has multiple windows and a cross on top. It is surrounded by green trees and a grassy field.

**Tick Tock!
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It's time for our Capital Appeal to get the Church Clock and Bells working again.

Our beloved Church, nestling in the heart of our community, urgently needs YOUR HELP – it's in real danger because of significant repairs it needs to keep it safe and weatherproof.

What would be achieved if the repairs were done? We would have a church that is fit for our modern world – which can welcome and be suitable for everyone, both for church services and a wider variety of community uses – art exhibitions, bells, bookclubs, café, carols and more – an ABC for our times

This is a big job which, TOGETHER, we can do. As the old joke goes: How do you eat an elephant? ...one bite at a time!

How YOU can help

Make a donation

Every £1 - (and £10, £100, £1,000, £10,000) really helps!

Tell others you know, and us, who might be able to make a donation

Not all of us have cash to spare – but we all have other gifts that help:

You could give some of your time to this appeal:

- * organise a fundraising event
- * do a sponsored run/cycle/walk
- * help the Communications group
- * join our update distribution group.

Just talk to us about how **you** could help.

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We've got a new website –
www.harbertonccf.org.uk

Have a look at it – it has up-to-date information about how this appeal is progressing, ideas for fundraising events, information about events already planned, church history and links to the website with information about church services and much, much more. And, of course, you can make an online, totally secure, donation online there too.

Plus: register your interest on the website and get regular updates on our progress.

A message from the Church Council:

"As members of the Church Council, it's our privilege to be responsible for a building which has been treasured and supported by the people of Harberton over so many generations. We are tremendously grateful for the opportunity to work with the HCCF to raise funds and for the anticipated contributions you may make, so that our building can be fit for purpose for the future, for Christian worship and to host activity which will build up our community life together."

Eighteen months ago, in early 2017, we set up a Charity – **Harberton Church Community Fund** – to raise money to fund this ambition to repair, improve and open up our church. It is run by a small group of local volunteers (some are active members of the worshipping community, others are not – what we share is our passion to make this building fit for today and tomorrow and for us all). This group works closely with masses of other local people, who volunteer their talents and time.



Our church is a fantastic Grade 1 Listed building – only 2.5% of all listed buildings are in this top category. A jewel in our midst!

And a jewel which needs to work for all – in the jargon: be fully accessible. This means – everyone will be welcomed, whatever their mobility circumstances; there will be a toilet for us; and we will have running hot water in a small kitchen to support all the activities.

Accessible also means that we will be able to do so much more to open up the church's history – in design and in relevance and contribution to village life over hundreds of years. This building is loved by so many, and connected to so many of our personal histories.

Right now the Tower works will cost around £80,000 (this includes all building, architect's fees etc) – we want to, and need to, show that our community really supports this by raising £50,000 from this Tick Tock Capital Appeal. If we can do this by Christmas then we are sure that the rest can be raised from grants (the Heritage Lottery Fund for instance, as well as smaller funders). We hope that the main works can start next summer, with some starting earlier, as we raise the funds.

This Tick Tock Appeal's focus is to get our clock back and our bells pealing in full. A generous legacy for the clock's repair allowed us to take it out last year, and we then found that crucial parts of the floor it stands on were totally rotten. At least one bell is cracked and all are in need of overhaul. The roof of our tower leaks and the walls are in a poor state – we even have little trees growing in them!

We are so lucky to have been given some donations before this Appeal was even launched – please go to our website at www.harbertonccf.org.uk to see how much has been raised so far.

We, all of us, have shown over the last 18 months that we can come together, have fun and raise funds. This Appeal is a complement to that.

If we raise more than is needed then your donation will be kept securely for the next stage of the works

All funds raised go directly and only to improve the church and its ability to meet the needs and wants of its community.

