

Three key achievements since our last update:

The event of the autumn was the Show of Hands 'warm-up concert' in the church. If you were there you experienced the magic of the music and light show – the rood screen looked quite magnificent, and has given us ideas for lighting the screen permanently... in time. For the village, the concert was another opportunity to bring us together, to enjoy using the church in different ways, and to make **over £1,000** for our restoration fund. We are massively appreciative of the fantastic co-ordination, leadership and great promotion that Jan and John Culf gave to this event.

Our volunteer crew spent several days securing the belfry against the very noisy and untidy jackdaws...

...And the installation of the autumn was the new boiler! The church now gets toasty warm, within an hour or so, which means that those going to services will be cosy and that we can welcome you to more events in the church over the winter.

Such as...

Christmas Tree Festival – the grand opening will be from 6.30pm on **Thursday 30 November** (entry free, a bowl of food for £5 and a pay bar!). Over 35 trees will be lit up and decorated by local people. The festival will end with **carols and mulled wine** on **Sunday 3 December** at 6.30pm.

Three Choirs Concert – this concert will take place in the Parish Hall on **Saturday 2 December** at 7.30pm, with music from three magnificent local choirs: Devonly Voices, The Singers Upstairs and Pretty Noisy. There's more information about this on www.harbertondevon.co.uk

Christmas cards - Your Christmas Headache solved! Local artist, Carole Oldfield, has created this picture especially for the church fund. It comes with brightly coloured envelopes at £5 for five – available in the pub or from Carole. Over 80% of that goes directly into our charity funds.

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Photo: Andrew Lester



Leaflet design by Jonathan Bean.

HELPING OUR HERITAGE IN THE HISTORIC HEART OF HARBERTON



St Andrew's Church is a wonderful treasure that needs our help! And it's beginning to get it – from us all. Thank you.

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This issue is devoted to a question that many ask:

How much money is needed and how on earth are we going to get it?

This marvellous fellow's nose is out of joint! Can we get him sorted? (He's one of our ceiling bosses!)

We hope you find this update useful and interesting (tell us what you think!) and please consider if you could make a direct contribution now to securing our fine church tower.

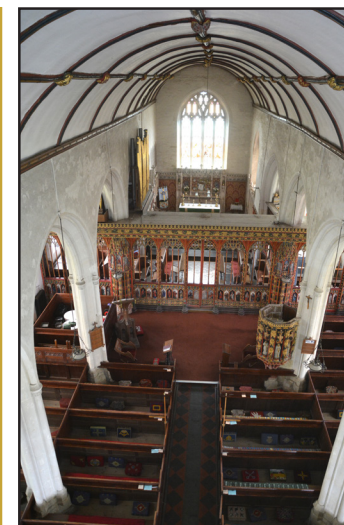
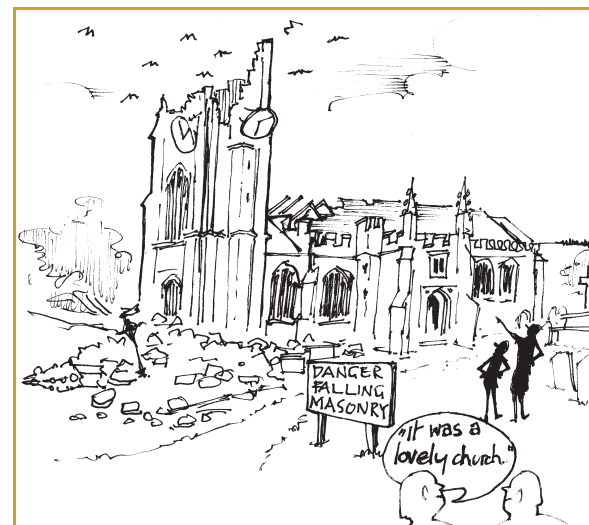


How much money is needed?

Perhaps there is another question to ask first – why is money needed? The simple answer is because our church, a part of our village identity, will become dangerous and fall out of use if we don't sort problems that have grown in the building over at least several decades. This gives us a fantastic additional opportunity – to make the church valuable to everyone, something and somewhere that makes a positive difference to the lives of us all – whether we are 'church-goers' or not. Just as churches were always meant to be.

And then... so, how much is needed? We've started already, with a proper (volunteer) maintenance system, a new boiler and the clock being repaired. This has used £27,000 and we've raised £7,000 from events. There are three stages of work to be done: some very urgent repairs and investigations; major repairs; and changes to widen the uses of the church (including putting in a kitchen and toilet). For the first of these stages we need to raise £70,000. This is to stop the rot in our impressive tower; for urgent bell repairs – and will allow us to get the clock back and working (we found that the floor it sits on is really dangerous at present). It will also fully repair the windows and pay for the further checks needed so that we can do the next stage, which is to raise much bigger sums to fix the rotted ceiling and open up the church to wider uses. We can apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund for help with this work.

For suggestions, information and offers of help more generally, please contact Celia at harbertonccf@gmail.com



How are we going to get the money?

We have a little of it, we are applying to a range of church funders (eg National Churches Trust) and heritage funders (eg Pennon). And we hope that local people will also contribute to keep us moving forwards. We are calling this the

Tick Tock Appeal

– because it's what will get our clock back and telling us the time!

We have this winter to raise these funds, so that the initial works can be done in the spring and over next summer.

So, PLEASE DON'T FORGET, and do join us at the

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