



St. Paul's Church Ansdell & Fairhaven
Working In Unity To Share The Good News Of Christ

St Paul's Building Appeal 2017



Could you help us raise £50,000?

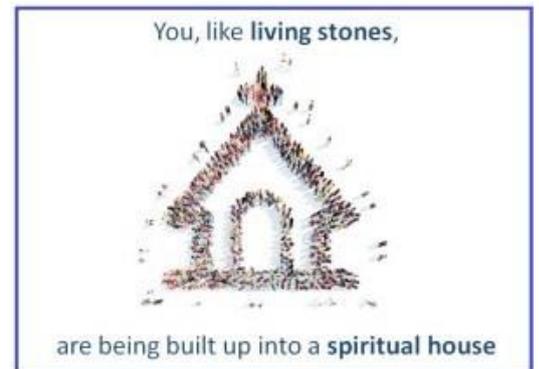
‘For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.’ 2 Corinthians 8:9

The building project God is involved in is one which doesn't involve bricks and mortar. God is building a spiritual building - his people - of those who trust and follow Jesus, his Son. It's why we as a church exist - 'working in unity to share the good news of Christ.' We want to see that building grow as more people follow Jesus. That is where our focus needs to be.

But to enable us to do some of this life-changing work, we need buildings, including our church building. Furthermore, we have a responsibility towards them as a Church of England Parish Church.

The story so far...

The last Quinquennial inspection (a Diocesan required inspection, every five years) identified key works which needed to be carried out to our buildings. While some have already been carried out, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has identified the following as priorities which need to take place:



- 1) **Scaffold the church building:** to enable other works to be carried out.
- 2) **Remedial work to the roof:** including ridge and roof tiles, repointing of coping stones, possible repairs to lead work.
- 3) **Repainting of all paintwork:** woodwork and ironwork to be cleaned and repainted.
- 4) **Work on the West wall:** If sufficient funds are available following the above work, we would love to commence work on the West wall, repointing the mortar.

How much will it cost?

Following estimates from contractors, it is expected that the cost of the first three priorities will be approximately £50,000. That is a significant amount of money!

The PCC has set £30,000 aside from the church's reserves towards this work if needed. However further works were identified in the Quinquennial not prioritised above, so if this reserved money is used, it will not be able to be used for further works or projects, and the church will also be operating on much

smaller reserves. As such this reserved money is to be seen as a safety net should it be needed, and we are seeking to raise £50,000.

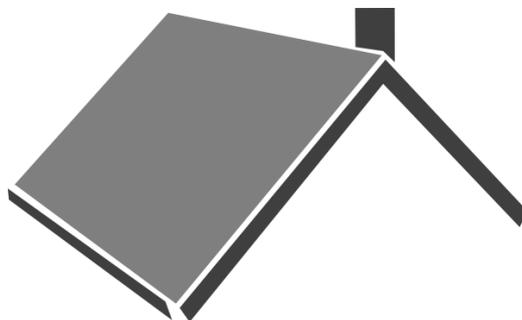
Where will the money come from?

We are seeking to raise:

£30,000 - from St Paul's congregations
£5,000 - from Fundraising events

and if needed,

£15,000 - from Grant applications



How can I be involved?

1) Pray

Only if God is at work will this amount be raised. And as we saw in our studies on Christian giving on Sunday mornings, it is God's grace at work which moves us to give. Please be praying for God to enable these needed funds to be raised. Please be praying for us as a church that we would know God's grace more and more and this would shape us and move us. Do pick up a copy of 'the Grace of Giving' from the back of the church building if you would like a short helpful read on this whole topic (We ask for a £1 donation if you are able).

2) Give

Could you give £250 as an individual?

There are 119 people on St Paul's electoral roll. If you divide £30,000 by that many, it gives approximately £250 per person on the roll. We understand some individuals may not be able to give that much, but that others could be able to give considerably more. If giving £250 in one go is difficult, might you be able to give in instalments? For example, £25/month for 10 months? Of course, whatever it is, you can afford to give will be gratefully received and valued.

On **Sunday May 21st**, at all our services, there will be an opportunity for people, having reflected how they might be able to respond in grace and sacrificially, to bring their donation, or a pledge of a donation using a pledge form. Envelopes for these donations, and the forms will be available at the back of the church building. If you are not able to give or pledge on May 21st, you can do so at anytime in the coming months.

If you are eligible to Gift Aid any donations, please do. It is so important. It enables us to recover 25p for every £1 you kindly donate. If you would like to sign up for Gift Aid please speak to David Gaskell, our Stewardship Secretary.

Please make any cheques payable to 'St Paul's (Fairhaven) PCC'. We are also setting up a 'Just Giving' page to give online. Any money raised over our target will be placed in General Funds and used for the regular work of St Paul's.

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3) Use

We have recently set up an Easy Fundraising page. If you shop online using retailers such as Amazon or John Lewis, or use insurance websites like GoCompare, plus many more then if you access them through our Easy Fundraising page, when you spend money with them, at no cost to you, St Paul's receives a small donation each time.



Our link is

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulschurchansdellfairhaven/>

4) Join

Look out for fundraising events coming up during the year, and join us! Bring others you know as well. While it will be an opportunity to have fun, and raise funds, it could be a good opportunity for people to get to know us as a church.

What next?

If you have any questions please speak to Paul the Vicar, the Church Wardens or the Treasurer. Then...

- Pray
- Consider giving £250 as a one-off or instalments, or another amount.
- Come on **Sunday May 21st** with your gift or pledge.
- Use Easy Fundraising if you shop online
- Join us for our Fundraising events.

'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'

Ephesians 3:20