



THE FRIENDS OF CHRIST CHURCH, EATON

NEWSLETTER, SPRING/SUMMER 2020

LOCKDOWN EDITION

No-one could have anticipated the events of 2020 and the impact the coronavirus pandemic has had on almost every aspect of our lives.

This Newsletter – the first in 2020 – brings you up to date and gives you more information about our 2020 fundraising project and the impact of COVID-19 on the planned programme of events.

OUR 2020 PROJECT - RESTORING THE CHANCEL ARCH AND SOUTH AISLE

Water leakage has resulted in serious damage to the plaster and internal masonry around the chancel arch and the south aisle.

When the bell tower was repaired there was water damage to the plaster above the South Altar and the south side of the Chancel Arch. Then, as a result of last winter's exceptional rainfall, plaster has blistered on the north side of Chancel Arch above the pulpit. The area has been roped off as it is not safe, with plaster starting to fall. Urgent repair work is needed.

The church's architect has surveyed the damage in both areas and, on his recommendation, this work is scheduled for July and August, at a total cost of £6,000.



Chancel – water damage, south side



Chancel – water damage, north side

OUR PROGRAMME OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS

We had planned a programme of fundraising events in support of this essential work but inevitably this has been severely curtailed due to COVID-19.

We were able to hold the first fundraiser of the year, a very successful Quiz and Chips evening on 7 March. All tickets were sold and a very enjoyable time was had by all. We raised £767.

The Quiz and Chips evening should have been followed by an innovative evening of Progressive Suppers on 16 May; people had already begun to sign up when we were forced to cancel once lockdown was announced in March.



Quiz and Chips Evening, 7 March

THE 2ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS

which should have taken place on 17 July, has also been cancelled, as has the Autumn Concert on 17 October.

YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT OUR 2020 PROJECT BY DONATIONS

However if you would like to help fund our 2020 project you can still do so by making a donation by cheque (payable to 'Eaton, Christ Church PCC') and sending it to the Parishes' Office at 41 Church Lane, NR4 6NW marked "Friends of Christ Church – 2020 Restoration Project".

BECOME A FRIEND OF CHRIST CHURCH!

We are delighted that so many people have already joined up to become Friends of Christ Church and we warmly invite you to join us in supporting the work of preserving and maintaining this wonderful Victorian church and its surrounds, whether you are a churchgoer or not.

As a Friend you will receive news updates and invitations to social events.

Annual subscription for a calendar year is £10 per person or £100 for an individual life membership.

Friends' donations are used solely to keep this much loved building in good condition for the use, enjoyment and appreciation of all.

If you are interested, please contact FriendsofCCE@gmail.com or go to <https://www.christchurch-eaton.org.uk/about-us/friends/>

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