

St Helen's Church Cliffe



Invites you to take part in
Year Two

September 2023 – September 2024

Patronage Scheme

INVEST TODAY FOR THE FUTURE
OF
ST HELEN'S
AND PROTECT OUR HERITAGE

What is the Patronage Scheme ?

This is an opportunity for everyone in Cliffe, Cliffe Woods, Cooling and beyond to keep St Helen's Church alive and open within the village for the use and appreciation of everyone, even if you don't attend church you will nevertheless agree that St Helen's is an important (and beautiful) landmark which has been and will continue to be there for you and your family for baptisms, weddings, funerals and other special occasions.

We are asking for your financial help to support the practical, outgoing costs of running and maintaining the building to avoid it falling into disrepair and possible closure. The Patronage Scheme will be a way for everyone to contribute to maintain the church for future generations.

Why is St Helen's church launching this scheme now?

This church is a historic Grade 1 listed building that dates back to the early 1200's which has amongst many fine features, a finely carved Renaissance pulpit, a late 14th century octagonal font and medieval wall paintings. Restoration costs by specialists are very high indeed as are the day to day running costs for this beloved church. Unfortunately, income received simply isn't keeping pace with today's running costs.

Who is the Patronage Scheme for?

Anyone and everyone who wishes to see St Helen's church here as a well maintained warm and welcoming building serving its village community for all generations to come in, whatever way is special to you.

What does being a Patron mean?

You choose your special date and offer to buy that date. Your payment will cover the running costs for your special day. The current cost to run the church building is £35 per day.

Also, if you would like to buy that date for the future that would be even better.

How can I be a Patron for the day?

Simple! Just choose one day out of 365 that you wish to remember a loved one, a birthday, wedding anniversary, baptism, a family occasion or other special event in your life.

What do I receive by being a Patron?

- Your name will be placed in the Patrons' book in church, opened at the current month and showing the date and occasion you are commemorating.
- The knowledge that your Patronage will make a difference and that you are doing something really worthwhile to keep St Helen's church open for future generations.
- A commemorative certificate as a thank you.

The cost of keeping St Helen's open throughout 2020 and 2021

2020		2021	
Crown Gas Power	£2,995.36	Crown Gas Power	£3,411.13
Southern Water	£608.47	Southern Water	£520.51
Opus Energy	£989.25	Opus Energy	£1,135.69
Elco Heating Service Charge	£481.80	Elco Heating Service Charge	£525.60
Ecclesiastical Insurance	£6,616.21	Ecclesiastical Insurance	£6,765.68
B S R A (Water churchyard)	£193.00	B S R A (Water churchyard)	£159.28

Total £11884.10

Total £12517.89

The above shows the main areas of expenditure that we are faced with in supporting the building.

All the funds contributed to the Patronage Scheme are to be used to support the overall maintenance and day to day running costs of the church building.

Please return this form to the Administrator
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Cliffe ME3 7UN
Tel:01634 222472
Mob:07306 094327
E-mail:clintfelstead@yahoo.co.uk
Website:www.cliffechurch.co.uk

Your name:.....

Your address:.....

Postcode:.....E-mail:.....

Your Patronage date:.....

Reason for Patronage:.....

I enclose my patronage contribution of £35 for the period September 1st 2023 until September 1st 2024 *I wish to continue my contribution annually* (delete if not appropriate) The current cost to run the church building is £35 per day. Please make your cheque payable to St Helens Church or pay by BACs Sort 30-93-60 A/C 01196023 and quote Patronage Donation in the description. Or payment by cash. A receipt will be given on request.

Do you want to Gift-Aid it? Y N

The church can receive 25p per £1 donated
I want St Helens Church to reclaim tax on this donation. I am a UK tax payer and I note I must have paid an amount of tax which at least equals the tax deducted from this donation.

Signed

Dated

Please return this form with your donation to the above address.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING A PATRON OF
ST HELEN'S CHURCH.**