



Friends of St Mary's, East Preston

# EPIC Appeal!

St Mary's is a wonderful parish church, an "exceptional" Grade I listed building, beloved for nearly 1,000 years...but it's crumbling!

So we're launching our

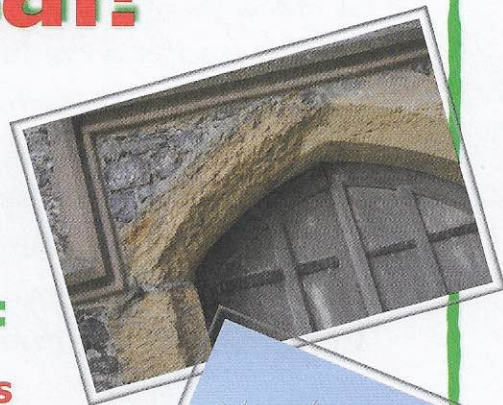
**EPIC (East Preston's Iconic Church) Appeal:**

we need **£100,000** to restore and protect this cherished hub at the heart of our community.

As the *Friends of St Mary's*, we're passionate about maintaining and preserving the fabric of our historic church, so this beautiful building is there for everyone's benefit.

Please help us raise these essential funds

- every £1 will make a difference!



## THE AMAZING CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL is back!

Were you one of the thousands of people who flocked to our two previous Christmas Tree Festivals? Well, the wait for the next one is over!

Here's just one of many ways you can help bring St Mary's back to its former glory - we'd love you to come to this very special fundraising event at the church from **13th-15th December.**



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Find out more at:  
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Why not "Walk into Christmas" at our wonderful Christmas Tree Festival spectacle this December at St Mary's Church on **Vicarage Lane, East Preston?**

Just by stepping inside you'll be doing your bit to support our much-loved historic building.

This year the Festival is even **bigger and better**: the aisles will be decked with dozens of trees, sponsored and decorated by residents, businesses and organisations from our area. Plus, for the first time, there will be a brilliant light display in the churchyard, as you make your way to the bright, beautiful Christmassy scene inside our ancient church.

St Mary's has been the **hub at the heart of the village** throughout the reign of around 40 monarchs and has stood tall for centuries, despite losing its spire! But with age comes expense, which is why we're asking you to help us raise **£100,000 to carry out essential repairs and maintenance**, so the church is not just here for all our major milestone events, but for many generations to come.



**Would you consider making a donation using the short form here?:**

Yes, I would like to help restore St Mary's by making a donation to *the Friends of St Mary's (FOSM)*. Here is my gift of: (please tick appropriate box)

£20       £50       £100       Other Amount £.....

I enclose a cheque payable to "PCC of East Preston – FOSM".

I am making a BACS transfer to "PCC of East Preston – FOSM".  
 Sort Code: 20-98-74, Account No.: 03003175 (Barclays Bank)

I am donating via the "Donate" button at [www.stmarysep.org.uk](http://www.stmarysep.org.uk)

Please tick here and complete contact details below if you would like **acknowledgement** of your donation.

Please tick this box and complete and **sign** the form below if you wish to **Gift Aid** your donation - that's all you have to do to boost every £1 you donate by 25p!

First Name..... Surname.....

Address .....

Post code ..... Tel:..... Email.....

Today's date ..... Signature (for Gift Aid).....

*(To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year. If your circumstances change, please notify the Friends of St Mary's.)*

I do **not** want my name listed as a donor on St Mary's website.

**Please return this form (including your donation, if paying by cash or cheque) to: FOSM, c/o The Vicarage, 33 Vicarage Lane, East Preston, Littlehampton, BN16 2SP.**

We take your privacy seriously. We will only use your personal details to contact you in connection with this donation.

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**Thank you so much!**