



### DECORATION & REPAIRS

Much of the church interior has been described as “tired” and some have even said “neglected”. The proposed work will see the damp and loose plaster renewed, the columns, beams, ceiling and walls cleaned and freshly painted where appropriate. Existing wiring will be re-routed to make it less obvious. With the new lighting, the upper parts of the church will be highlighted.



### SEATING

Our pews are heavy, difficult to move and extremely uncomfortable. We have been encouraged by the Diocese to replace the majority of them with comfortably upholstered chairs. The chairs will be carefully chosen so that they complement the new stone floor and together will enhance our historic church. In addition the chairs will be stackable, improving flexibility within the church. Some of the existing furniture will be retained.

### AUDIO VISUAL

The audio visual equipment will be replaced with an up-to-date, integrated system, with the screen and projector unobtrusive and remote controlled. The sound systems will also be upgraded to deliver a much improved sound quality including the ‘loop’.

### LADY CHAPEL

It is proposed to enclose the Lady Chapel, with glass panels, in order to provide a quiet, private area for prayer. Doors will be provided in both sides to allow easy access for serving communion, small meetings, etc. The British Legion War Memorial will also be repositioned in this area.



### SUMMARY

The Building Committee are working closely with the PCC, our architect and the Oxford Diocese in every detail of our refurbishment proposals. We will continue to keep our congregation and regular users informed of decisions and progress throughout all stages of planning and works.

Our aim is to proceed sensitively, professionally and prayerfully, bearing in mind that our actions and decisions will affect generations to come.

Thank you for being part of this important project.

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# ST MARY'S CHURCH WENDOVER



**2010  
INTERNAL  
REFURBISHMENT  
APPEAL**

Apart from the creation of the St. Mary's Centre in 1984, it is over 140 years since there has been any major investment in the internal features of St. Mary's. The tireless efforts of the Friends of St. Mary's since its inception in 1994 have enabled us to maintain the exterior fabric – over £150,000 has been spent on major repair projects. The interior of our historic 14<sup>th</sup> Century church now desperately needs our attention!

£600,000 is now urgently needed to carry out essential repairs and redecoration, also to replace the floor and the inadequate and obsolete heating and lighting installations (see details).

Your help is needed to achieve this target so that, together we can create a welcoming and comfortable interior space, adaptable to meet the needs of a modern church and be a flexible resource for the whole community.

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It is a great privilege to be custodians of St Mary's; without doubt one of the most significant buildings in our community. But whilst buildings are buildings, and historic buildings like St Mary's often represent something fixed and static to their communities, we also acknowledge that this building symbolises a journey that the people in and around Wendover have been part of for over 700 years. Indeed the cultural and demographic changes of Wendover have been held and challenged by this living monument to the Christian faith.

Now, at this intersection, we are aware of the importance and the need not just to repair and preserve this special building, but to enhance it. We have a vision to develop this resource so we might display God to our community in relevant ways whilst honouring the pathways those of previous generations have trod. We have a vision to continue to invest in a building that inspires and moves people, as well as making it a more open, accessible and hospitable place to all in our community.

This vital project can only be possible if people are willing to generously support it. Please take a moment to consider how you can respond to this appeal, and how you can be part of the ongoing significance of St Mary's for this and future generations.

Thank you.

Mark Dearnley  
Vicar

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## HEATING

“ Our current overhead “warehouse” style heating has long been unsatisfactory, both visually and in its effectiveness. Now is the time to upgrade the heating before total failure occurs. It is proposed to install an underfloor heating system, powered by a modern boiler with fully automatic controls. This work also presents an ideal opportunity to address the cold draughts felt in areas around the church. ”



## FLOORING

“ The condition of the present floor is very poor with many broken and loose tiles, and also rotting wood. It is proposed to raise the floor in the main body of the church some six inches to the same level as the Chancel. It will be finished in natural stone, which has very efficient heat transfer properties, and is ideally suited for underfloor heating. ”



## LIGHTING

“ The existing lighting is unsatisfactory in that the equipment and wiring are old, and the system is totally inflexible. The building today serves many, and needs to be multifunctional. The lighting requirements for worship, weddings, funerals, concerts, and meetings (such as U3A) are different. With modern technology, these varying requirements are easily and simply met and will ensure Health & Safety and efficiency standards are maintained. ”