

St Andrew's Church Friends' Group

This Newsletter is to thank you for your continued support for the church toilet/servery project and to update you on progress

Fund raising for our project has been a significant effort over the past 2 years and it has not been without a few 'bumps in the road'. We have been fortunate enough to receive several grant awards and the PCC has committed all available funds to the project. ***But, most of all, we have been inspired and encouraged by your generous giving to help reach our target of almost £100,000. That's truly amazing. Thank you.***



Since our last Newsletter in November, we have been in discussion with our preferred contractor Clarke Group Ltd., regarding the practical work. It may not surprise you to hear that repricing since the tender process in June 2019 has resulted in an increase in costs. The pandemic has also resulted in sourcing issues for some materials. Although the increase in cost is small, when set against the routine running costs of the church - which are about £10,000 per year - we have needed to redouble our efforts to seek further grant funding and a possible loan. In these difficult times there is intense competition for grant funds.

We are therefore asking for your continued encouragement and generosity.

If you have not yet given, or you can find it in your heart to give a little more, please pledge a donation using the following link [West Deeping Church Project](#).

If you would prefer to donate in a more 'traditional way' then please contact Colin on colin.blagrove@ntlworld.com or 07946004893.

All donations will go specifically to the project to care for our beautiful church building for now and for future generations.

Meanwhile, we intend to contract with Clarke Group to start the practical work at the end of May. We expect the work to be completed within 12 weeks.

We will update you once the practical work is underway and announce plans to celebrate completion of the 'new facilities'.

Thank you for reading this Newsletter. We hope you have found it informative. If you would like to become a member or donate please contact Colin. Details are on the next page.

Other Notices

Congratulations!

Many of you will know Charlotte Ramsey in the village who is getting married to Joe Buck in church on 22nd May. The pandemic has meant frustrating delays and constraints to their wedding plans – so we are very happy for them that they have now been able to fix a date. I'm sure you will want to join us to wish Charlotte and Joe every happiness in their married life.

New Members

Please let friends and neighbours know about the West Deeping Friends' Group. New members are always welcome - Application Forms (to comply with data privacy) can be obtained from Gareth Williams, Andrew Bowman or Colin Blagrove who are coordinating Friends' Group activities. Our charter is on the new West Deeping Parish website at [West Deeping Friends' Group](#).

'At Home' Church Services

Thank you for supporting our 'At Home' all age services using Zoom ... and a big thank you if you have participated. They are now held monthly starting at 11:00 am for 45 minutes. [Our next services are on Sunday 14th March and Easter Sunday 14th April.](#) Look out for the Friends' Group email sent a few days before the service with joining details or on our new website at [Church Services](#). If you've not joined one of these services why not give it a try!

Foodbank Donations

Thank you if you have donated to Deepings Foodbank using the box in the church porch by the Lending Library. [Please continue to donate](#), Seán is organizing regular runs to make sure your donations are received. As a recent 'Thank You' letter from Deepings Foodbank says – your donations are very much appreciated.

Project Donations

As a reminder, if you would like to donate to the church toilet/servery project, please use the link:

[West Deeping Church Project](#)

or the QR Code opposite as described in our last Newsletter.

