

## Costs:

**First Phase** £90,000 for work in the south aisle, including:

A disabled toilet and development of other toilet facilities

Work to the flooring and walls; The servery work

Sound and lighting work

**Overall costs** for the project will reach £400,000 including full sound and lighting work, bookshop and welcome desk, flooring levels, decoration and cleaning, as well as professional fees

## Grant Applications:

Are being made to local and national trusts each asking for an outline of community contributions and looking for at least 1/3 of costs raised.

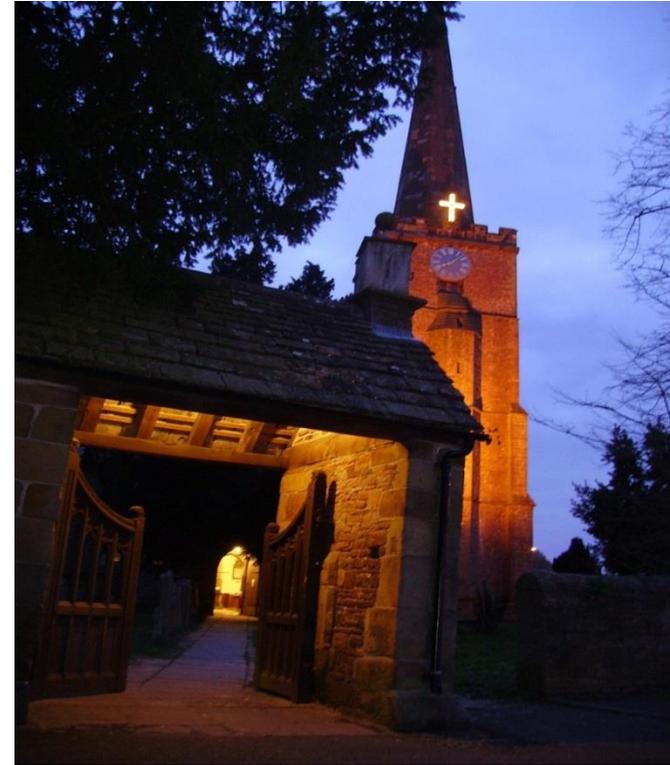
## Fundraising to date within the church:

The PCC has committed funds from its trust funds and one off donations, agreed with Lord Bledisloe use of an historic fund, raised funds through significant donations, (incl from a wedding and funeral), concerts, sponsored rides, amounting to £45,400 (£14,000 already spend to bring plans with our architects, Caroe and Partners, to faculty permission stage)

Do check out the short film made to promote our project on our website, [www.lydneyparish.org.uk](http://www.lydneyparish.org.uk),

# St Mary's Lydney

*'We're building a community where everyone matters',*



## Gift Appeal

***Making an investment in our community***

**St Mary's is everybody's church in Lydney with a footfall of around 5,000 people annually from every sector of town.**

**A real focal point of much community cohesion and celebration,** (witness the popular Christmas Tree Festival with 40 plus trees from across the community, or civic services and festivals such as Remembrance Sunday, Harvest Celebrations, Lydney festival concerts, weddings, baptisms and funerals, and school visits and services) **-we serve young and old, alike.**

**We also have a genuine heart for the most vulnerable:** including the young homeless in supported housing, those in debt, the elderly, the bereaved, young people and adults with special needs, those with dementia and disability.

**Our Gift Appeal addresses the significant development needs of our historic and beautiful parish church, and its need for on-going maintenance and improvement.**

*Our plans (see enclosed plan), and faculty, were agreed upon after professional, user, congregational and community consultation and feedback, and include:*

- 1. The making of unhindered access routes throughout the church, particularly for the disabled, those in buggies, and the elderly.**
- 2. The redecoration of walls much in need of restoration.**
- 3. Greatly improved toilet facilities:** including disabled toilets.
- 4. New and improved lighting and an updated sound system** (including new hearing loop).

**5. A bespoke hospitality area.**

**6. A bespoke welcome desk** (both 5 & 6 to help health and safety compliance and with levels that enable young people and wheel chair users to serve and be served.)

**7. A bespoke book shop at the rear area of the North Aisle: For voluntary employment and an open church.** Disadvantaged and disabled individuals from the community are asking us for opportunities for inclusion and personal development. Training with the bookshop project will enable the heritage of St Mary's to be open during the week with opportunities to empower those who are asking for our help.

**Would you be willing to contribute to make your parish church the best it can be, for the needs of all,**

**Now and for the future?**

**Your Gift will help enormously to achieve these significant ends, and** can be made to St Mary's Church PCC, and either given or sent to the treasurer Gary Falkiner, Willowbrook, 6 Forest Road, Lydney or brought to church and placed in one of the special gift boxes, or sent to the Parish office: 5 Raglan Gardens, Lydney. GL15 5GZ

**By January Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>** , but any time of course is acceptable!

Please gift aid where possible.

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