

## **St Nicholas Church, Baydon – update on the building March 2019**

Since October 2018 Donni Blackwell, one of our Church Wardens, has been working to repair and restore our little church, St Nicholas Baydon.

Our LCC has been raising money for 3 years to repair the Vestry and stonework and we had just reached our goal. Donni Blackwell and Tina Evans (Church Wardens) had just set about filling in the onerous faculty forms.

It was then found that the cracks in the chancel wall, which had been monitored over the last few years. were expanding dramatically. The wall is in grave danger of falling out and permission to construct scaffolding to support the wall was given.

Then the lead was stolen from our roof, and inches of water poured in. Tarpaulins were fixed in place by a small team of volunteers, but high winds dislodged them and allowed water to pour in again. The insurers were informed, and a temporary roof was eventually installed. We are very grateful for the two dehumidifiers donated by people in Ramsbury.

We are now waiting for Stainless Steel quotes for the North aisle and we have found a Structural engineer, who is very sympathetic to our cause, to offer expertise as to the necessary works.

Peter Chambers [rannochpnc@outlook.com](mailto:rannochpnc@outlook.com) has kindly agreed to look after the Building Finance project and has already contacted several funding sources and spread the message of our crisis through various media. Until we have actual figures for the works we cannot apply for any grants.

We have had donations from Baydon residents and from members of other local churches, but we are a long way off having enough to restore the chancel wall!

A great number of people have repeated their offers of help and I wish I could offer you more positive news about our plight, but sadly at this moment in time it is not possible. We just have to remain positive that it will be sorted....

Our thanks go to Tom McGowran for his offer to initiate and run a metal detector day. If anyone else has any other ideas on how we can raise significant amounts of money for the Building fund, please do contact Peter Chambers.

If you would like to make a donation our bank details are:

For building fund: 09-01-54 87637089  
For non-building fund: 09-01-54 80637083

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