



Church Roof Repairs

At last we are really delighted to inform you that permission has been granted for the roof repairs caused due to last year's lead theft. Work will commence on Monday 25th November and is likely to continue for several weeks. This will make the Church watertight before Christmas. As with all building works, deliveries and work vehicles will inevitably cause parking issues, both in Finches Lane and Russley Road. Please bear with us and keep the entrances clear whilst this essential work takes place.

Luckily the theft of the lead roof was covered by insurance. It's been a long process to get all the necessary consents to replace it with terne coated steel, rather than putting lead back on.

The chancel wall has been seriously affected by subsidence which unfortunately was not covered by insurance.

We've been extremely fortunate in the help, time and support from our structural engineer. It's not been an easy project with adjacent trees, graves and not enough available information to know what we're dealing with and we'll need significant sums of money to complete the repairs. Currently we've got scaffolding in place, but as each month passes the building is continuing to move. The professionals involved in the project are now working on determining the amount of money we need to raise.

As soon as this figure is confirmed there'll be another Community meeting where the facts and figures will be put forward for discussion.

In the meantime, a small but amazing group of people are working really hard to raise money to save the church. They've already planned events throughout 2020 because they feel the Parish's church is worth saving. They continue to express their gratitude to those of you who support them in their various initiatives.

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