



*Reach Out,
Welcome In,
Tell the Story*

St Sampson's Church South Hill

Giving thanks at St Sampson's

There is much to give thanks for at St Sampson's. For centuries, our parish church has been a spiritual home to our community and an inspirational building, supporting people in times of joy and of sorrow.

St Sampson's is very much at the heart of our community, offering a haven of peace and space for reflection. The church stands as a reminder of our heritage in our daily lives



We are grateful to all who support our work – generously giving their time, their talents and their money.

**Your support is needed
more than ever,
to help us:**



- continue to offer regular services, in addition to baptisms, weddings and funerals, and those services which bring the community together at Christmas, Easter, Harvest, and Remembrance.
- care for our church building, with ongoing and timely maintenance, so that this focus for community and spiritual life can be passed on to future generations.

The challenge ahead ...

Our income in 2021 was £11,379

Total annual costs in 2021 £12,494

Total projected costs 2022 £13,702

To continue our work and care for the ongoing maintenance of the building we need to increase our income by **£2,323**

Examples of annual costs ...

We are seeing an increase in the figures in our monthly budgeting and they will likely increase further for 2023 and beyond:

- **Insurance £2,363**
- **Electricity £948**
- **Gutters & drains £624**
- **Safety inspections £403**
- **Clergy:** parishes pay towards the overall cost of clergy in the Diocese in proportion to parish size. At St Sampson's the current contribution we are asked to pay is **£5,938**

St Sampson's Unlocked Project

The figures above are for ongoing upkeep and do not include the St Sampson's Unlocked costs. This is an exciting project to get our beautiful medieval church "Cherished, Restored & Unlocked", including new heating, a toilet and a kitchen, so that it can be used and enjoyed by everyone in the community.

We are making good progress but still need to raise £230,000 of the £500,000 restoration budget.

How YOU can help...

Much of our income comes from the weekly collection plate, but a regular payment by standing order helps the PCC to budget better.

A regular payment from you could help towards ongoing general upkeep or can be ring-fenced towards the building maintenance costs or towards our restoration project St Sampson's Unlocked (see below).

A **bank standing order** is simple and safe, and also saves time for our Church Finance Officer. For those who prefer to give in cash, **weekly offering envelopes** can be provided.

Whatever your decision, every gift will be appreciated

Gift Aid - a gift from HMRC!

If you pay tax, HMRC will add a tax refund of 25% to your gift. This tax refund costs you nothing, providing you pay as much tax as the church claims back. Please complete a gift aid form.

A cash donation of up to £30 in the collection plate is eligible for gift aid without need for a declaration.

Legacy

Please consider leaving a legacy in your will to St Sampson's Church.

***For more information or if you have any questions, contact
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