

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Richmond Team Ministry have planned for this investment for a number of years, and will cover the main investment expenses, including modernising the heating, lighting, servery and toilet facilities.

However, to ensure that the church is furnished to the highest standard, reflecting St. Mary's architectural, historical and cultural position in the community, we need your help.

If you would like to contribute to the furnishings, we are gathering a list of interested donors. Communication to potential donors will begin this year. You could contribute as little as £150 for a chair, £850 for a pew bench or something in between, for example £500 for an Aisle window ledge to display flowers and candles. A list of donors will be recognised on the Project Board, which will be replaced long term by inscription on a plaque – it could be your name or in memory of a loved one. And please don't forget that Gift Aid could boost your donation.

If you would like to be involved in any of the programme or can help with fundraising, please contact the Fabric Group via the parish office: admin@richmondteamministry.org or 020 8940 0362.

Thank you, St Mary Magdalene Refurbishment Committee, (Fabric Group)



ST MARY MAGDALENE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME



Occupying a site at the very heart of the Town used for Christian celebration, worship and prayer for some eight hundred years, the Church of St Mary Magdalene (St Mary's) not only serves as one of the three churches in the Anglican Team Ministry of Richmond but continues to fulfil a long established civic function derived from its historic role as Richmond's Parish Church.

In 2010 the Richmond Team Ministry summarised their vision to invest in the refurbishment of St Mary's to enhance its historic role as a place of Christian celebration, worship and prayer and also to extend and improve its use by the broader community of Richmond for educational, social, performance, exhibition and other appropriate cultural and community purposes.

ST MARY'S REFURBISHMENT UPDATE: SPRING 2016

St Mary Magdalene Church in the heart of Richmond has been used by Christians for nearly 800 years, and to enhance its role as a place of Christian celebration, worship and prayer and to extend its use by the broader community our vision is to:

- more effectively meet the liturgical and social needs of a town centre church and enhancing its role and value in serving the community as a whole
- develop its role as a place of Christian celebration, worship and prayer
- make it more suitable for use by the broader community of Richmond for performance, exhibition and other cultural purposes



PROGRESS DURING 2015

2015 was the year when background work was carried out in preparation for the main building renovation; geotechnical investigations were undertaken, essential drainage works carried out as well as detailed planning. In addition, recognising the development of St Mary's through the ages, we have consulted with and responded to comments from comments from the Church Buildings Council, Historic England, SPAB, Georgian Group, Victorian Society, Richmond Society, and London Borough of Richmond upon Thames Planning and Building Regulations Departments, as well as the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC).

THE PLAN FOR 2016-17



With necessary approvals from the Diocese, we have now completed the re-glazing of the high-level clerestory windows, redecorating of the high level Nave walls and cleaning of the Royal Arms. We are indebted to substantial

anonymous donations from members of our congregation to carry out this re-glazing work and future work on the pulpit and font.

We have also installed a temporary kitchen in the All Saints Chapel in anticipation of the conversion of the North Porch to toilets and have erected temporary storage and mess facilities for our contractors. Preparatory work on the North Porch is complete and masonry works are due to start imminently, followed by roof repairs to the North Aisle early in the New Year.

Subject to Diocesan approval, work is due to start on the main re-flooring after Easter 2017.

You can find information about the continuing programme on the Project Board by the Choir Vestry. We are always happy to answer questions, talk about progress, and listen to your ideas and suggestions.