

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Richmond Team Ministry have planned for this investment for a number of years and has covered the main investment expenses, including modernising the heating, lighting, catering 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 still gathering a list of interested donors. You could contribute as little as £150 for a chair or £850 for a pew bench or something in between for paving stones or a contribution to the cost of new liturgical furniture and other furnishings in the Nave. A list of donors will ultimately be recognised in the 2020 Book of Thanksgiving – 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:

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or 020 8940 0362.

Thank you, St Mary Magdalene
Fabric Group.



ST MARY MAGDALENE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME JANUARY 2020



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

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 2015-19

2015-17 were the years 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 culmination of this work was the submission of a series of petitions to the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Southwark requesting faculties for elements of the proposed refurbishment.



2017-19 was the period during which the majority of those faculties were implemented: new floors, heating and seating were installed in the Nave and Aisles, the North and South Porches were refurbished to provide toilets and crèche; a new catering facility for coffee, tea and

buffet refreshments was constructed; the electrical and lighting installations were renewed in those areas; and a start was made on the conversion of the All Saints' Chapel into a new Clergy Vestry, with facilities for the Servers and Sacristans including its own toilet.



THE PLAN FOR 2020

Progress slowed as we waited for faculties to arrive, but the existing Vestry, re-arranged to accommodate the Choir and their new companions, the Flower Arrangers, and the new Clergy Vestry, will be completed by April and July respectively. The new audio-visual installation, and the final elements of the Nave and Aisle lighting scheme, will be completed for Easter.

Finally, and probably running into the Autumn, will be the re-lighting of the Chancel and the All Souls' Chapel, any remaining elements of the refurbishing and landscaping works within the churchyard, subject to faculty and planning approvals.

We are always happy to answer questions, talk about progress, and listen to your ideas and suggestions.