

Friends of Fawley Church



Regenerating our Church
for our Community

THE PRIZE - the creation of a special space that our whole community can enjoy.

Our ancient church is beautiful, and it represents continuity in the village in the way nothing else can. Everybody in Fawley has the right to use it. We all have the right to be christened and married in it; and we have the right to be buried in its grounds, whatever we do or don't believe. It's ours.

The Friends' ambition is to make Fawley church essential for the village.

A place of worship and sanctuary for some; but also somewhere for people of all ages to gather for discussion, performance, celebration.

A place that everybody is free to use, in which we can feel emotionally and physically comfortable.

The Friends have battled hard this year. There have been many negotiations with central church authorities and statutory bodies.

The punchline is: we've now officially started. We're off to the races.

Subject to a final permission we intend to start building works in

January 2023.

To celebrate this there shall be a magnificent **Friends' Launch Party** on **Saturday 25th June**. Details will be revealed in due course.

THE WORKS - the plans for enhancing our church include the following:

- The creation of a more welcoming entrance, with a larger gallery for extra seating. The new portable organ will be situated here.
- A splendid new kitchen and disabled-access lavatory.
- The redistribution of some pews to create an open area for meetings, concerts, art classes, dance sessions, craft workshops, yoga, book-swap, a children's farmers' market, a Saturday morning café.
- A new uncluttered space in the north transept for smaller gatherings.
- An improved chancel - the area before the altar - for more intimate services of prayer and worship.
- A complete rewiring of the building and installation of safe electrical sockets. (Not before time.) New lighting, sound system and super-fast broadband.
- A radically improved heating system. Goodbye to the old boiler.

THE BUDGET - how much is all this going to cost?

The present projection is **£350k** (including a generous contingency).

We have leant very hard on the diocese to examine and approve our plans, and our application has - by ecclesiastical standards - torn through the church bureaucracy like a rocket. If we are to follow this through by starting work in January, we need to get the funds in the bank as soon as possible.

THE CHALLENGE - where is this money going to come from?

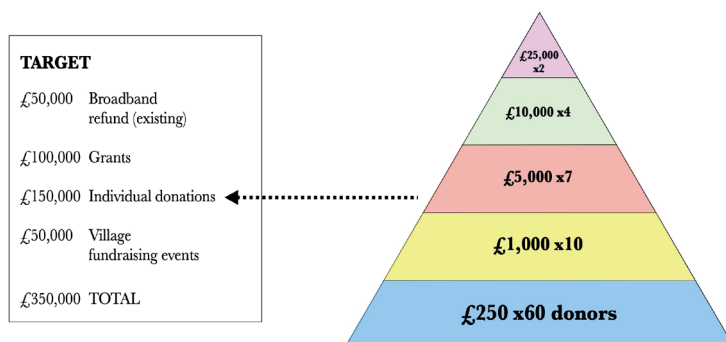
Applications are already in train to raise funds from appropriate grant-making bodies and our aim is to raise **£100k** by this means. The indications are that this may well be possible, though the task is hard, and the money comes slowly.

So in the immediate instance, it's down to us. We can make this work.

Between us we have already contributed **£50k** - an outstanding gesture of confidence from our community. Now that we have a detailed plan of action we are certain we can find the remaining **£200k**, and quickly.

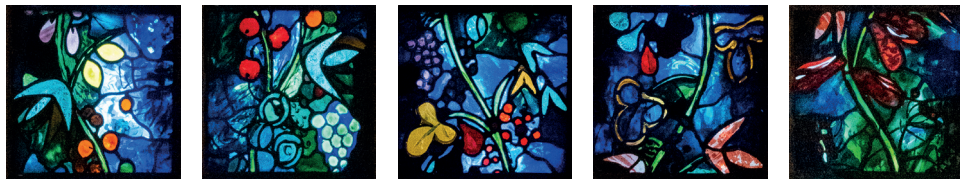
We seek to raise **£150k** through direct donations. It doesn't matter how little you are able to give. Please give it. A board in the new entrance to the church will record all the names of the people who saved Fawley church in 2023 AD, irrespective of the amount you have given. If you wish to sponsor a particular item of the project: the kitchen, the organ or the loo (the your-name-here Thunderbox!) that would be magnificent.

The triangle below represents a possible structure of donations. NB: we are delighted to learn that we have already been given a 'launch donation' of **£25k**.

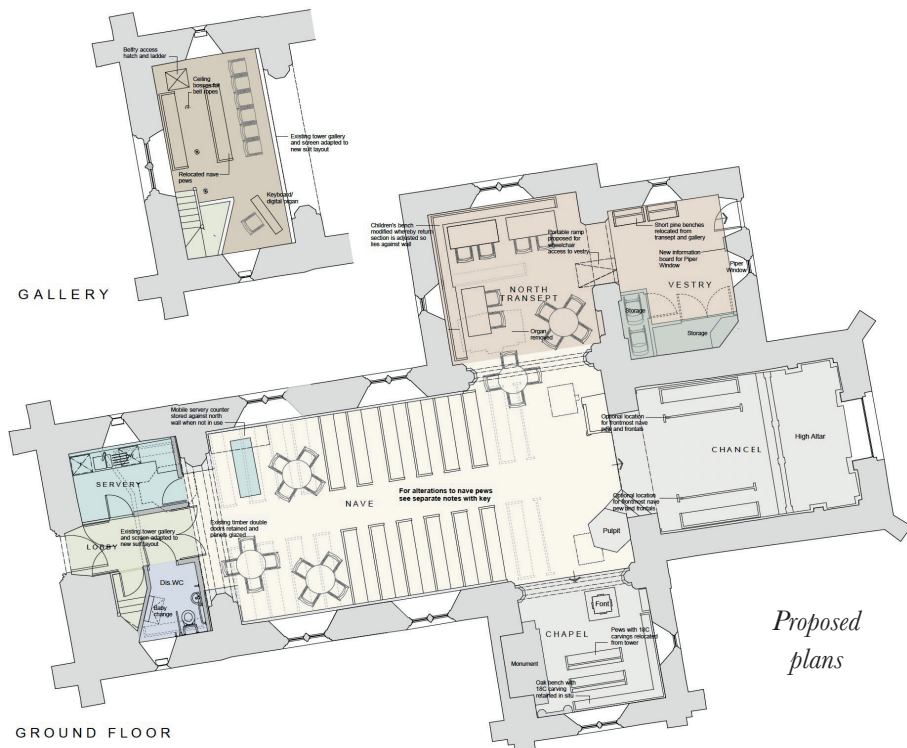


The remaining **£50k** we hope to raise through local enterprise: parties, dinners, concerts, lectures, tennis tournaments, fairs, opening of gardens. The kind of stuff at which our village excels.

Please get in touch with any of us for further explanation, or to discuss your donation, or to propose brilliant fund-raising capers.



Details from The Tree of Life window by John Piper



*Proposed
plans*

HOW TO GIVE

Cheques payable to 'Friends of Fawley Church' or by bank transfer to:
Friends of Fawley Church (NatWest Business Account)

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