

## OUR VILLAGE CHURCH

For over nine hundred years the Church has been a central part of life in Clifton Campville.

We owe it to future generations to pass the Church on in the same condition as it was passed on to us. Our responsibility is to ensure that we have sufficient funds to:-

- Conserve our Church and Churchyard.
- Continue our Ministry to the Community.
- Combat our growing Financial Challenges.

## OUR CHALLENGE

Running costs of the Church and Churchyard are rising each year. There are - and always will be - substantial items of repair that as guardians of the future we must not neglect. There is now an alarming gap between our income and expenditure which will continue to grow in the coming years unless addressed.

The forthcoming Architect's Report will require further restoration of crumbling stonework and repairs to ageing glass. The dated central heating and security systems are also in urgent need of modernisation.

We must establish for ourselves a greater, more regular and more reliable source of income. There is no central fund to come to our aid if we fail and church closure is a very real threat across our villages.

## OUR THANKS

St. Andrew's is enormously grateful for the unstinting contributions of time, resources, talents and money given by our villagers to many fund raising activities.

With these funds, together with generous donations in response to one-off appeals, we have recently:-

- Completed repairs to the Tower and Stairs.
- Replaced the vandalised Lady Chapel roof and restored the Organ.

## OUR FUNDS.

### WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?

***The Church Commissioners? — No.***

Their income funds clergy pensions. Clergy are living longer so the pensions bill is increasing.

***The Lichfield Diocese? —No***

Diocesan money is used for clergy salaries and housing **BUT** we contribute towards this — over £18,000 a year and rising — over half our annual expenditure.

***The Local Councils? —No.***

***The Parish Council? — Yes.***

Annual help towards the churchyard and clock

***Could the Rectory or Village Hall be sold to raise funds? — No.***

The Rectory is owned by the Diocese. Our Village Hall is an independent charity.

## OUR CHURCH.

### WHERE DO FUNDS CURRENTLY COME FROM?

- A declining number of the Clifton Campville community who make regular donations.
- Those who give generously to fundraising.
- Church collections.
- Grant aid (for eligible major building projects.)
- Gift Aid (reclaimable from HMRC)

## OUR PROBLEM

Gift Aided pledges and other regular contributions **NEED TO DOUBLE** from the present annual level of:

**£16,000** to a minimum of **£35,000.**

## OUR SHARED SOLUTION

### ***A Parish Funding Programme***

Which would guarantee the level of dependable income our Church needs and will need to meet its commitments over the next five years.

## CAN WE ACHIEVE THIS TARGET? — YES

If together we all contribute regularly at a realistic level. The need is for equal generosity not equal amounts.

All of us recognise the need to preserve our Church as part of our village life whether or not we are regular church goers.

## OUR PLAN

To visit all households in the village and to invite:-

- Those who are not yet regular givers to make a monthly pledge.
- Those who already give to consider increasing the amount they give.
- Tax payers to Gift Aid their contributions.

## GIFT AID

- Anyone who pays tax can Gift Aid their pledges.
- Gift Aid increases every £1 given to your Church by up to 25p (see table)
- Using Gift Aid costs you nothing.
- One Gift Aid Declaration Form will cover all donations you make, whether regular or not.

Monthly Pledge		Annual Total (Gift Aided)
£5	=	£75
£10	=	£150
£15	=	£225
£20	=	£300
£30	=	£450
£40	=	£600

## YOUR DONATION WILL YOU HELP?

If you would like advice on how best to arrange your giving, or some further guidance as to the range in which your giving might lie, please ask the Funding Committee member who visits you.

## FROM OUR RECTOR.....

Over the centuries, countless generations have lovingly and faithfully cared for our Parish Church of St. Andrew's and its country Churchyard. It has been enlarged, restored and rebuilt to keep it a worthy Centre for the worship, baptism, marriage and burial needs of our community.

Over the years has been valued and supported in very many ways by the people of Clifton Campville- by those who have pledged themselves as regular givers - by those who have organised and worked hard at Fund Raising events - by those who have responded to special appeals.

All this is greatly appreciated and we offer sincere thanks to everyone who has supported this Church in so many ways.

*Contact details here*

ST ANDREWS CHURCH CLIFTON CAMPVILLE

*Photo of the church here*

**Parish Funding Programme**

**Autumn 2019**

## **Part of The Diocese of Lichfield:**

It's thanks to YOU that there are over 250 clergy working in parishes around the Diocese making a relevant connection between faith and community. Without the money you give every week that couldn't happen and there would be no support services for church aided schools, housing, training & admin staff to help parishes in all sorts of ways.

The Diocese serves a population of 2.106 million.

Our faithful giving helps to sustain a high level of stipendiary ministry in the Diocese.

To continue to provide a flourishing Christian presence in every community in our Diocese as we face the challenges that are in front of us.

The Parish Share is the amount of money requested from parishes to cover the costs of providing Mission and Ministry across the Diocese of Lichfield. In return Stipends, National Insurance, Pension and Housing related costs.