

# **St Mary's Parish Church**

## **Heritage Lottery Bid**

### **Update May 2016**

Dear All,

As you already know, we have been awarded the sum of £215,000 and this has been set aside for us by HLF. Now we must submit the Second Round Application that will confirm this award and allow us to proceed with the project.

In an effort to keep everyone in the congregation informed, as this project involves the whole congregation, members of your project team, Hugh, John and David will be hosting a 'Question and Answer' session in the large hall after our church service on Sunday 5th June 2016. Everyone is most welcome to come along and ask us, on a one-to-one basis, about any aspect of the project.

To date we have, through competitive tender, appointed Simpson and Brown Architects as our architects and project managers. They have completed a detailed survey which has enabled them and us to prioritise the work that needs to be undertaken and they have also drawn up cost plans.

We have also, on your behalf, contracted the services of a Heritage Education Consultant to support us as we develop the activity plan outlined in our initial Heritage Lottery bid to further engage with the wider community and to broaden access to the heritage of our church and how it has developed down the centuries.

Currently we are in the process of finalizing our delivery phase and second round applications on the basis of the work we, as a congregation, have undertaken and we hope to submit these to the Heritage Lottery Fund by the end of June 2016.

Assuming that HLF accept these next applications, we would hope to be able to go to tender for the proposed works to be undertaken in the autumn of 2016, allowing us to start on site in the spring of 2017.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us in whatever way to reach this stage of the project and we look forward to your continuing support.

**The Restoration Project Group - May 2016**