

BOXGROVE PRIORY – 2015 APPEAL

Why are we running an appeal?

Have you noticed the collapsed churchyard wall in Church Lane or perhaps the significant water damage next to the Billy Fiske window in the south aisle or even the damp on the north aisle to the left of the sacristy? These are all in need of urgent repair. The wall has to be rebuilt in flint work from the gate to the corner of the churchyard nearly opposite Willow Cottage. The aisle roofs have to be re-roofed at the level where the aisle roof meets the Nave wall called ‘the abutment’. Neither is simple nor cheap. Additionally we need to complete the porch entrance work that was scheduled for 2009 but which had to be delayed because of the economic downturn. Together with the repayment of the residual loans on the substantial refurbishment works of 2009 we need £250,000.



The good news is that we are a third of the way there; we have raised and had promised over £80,000, a bit more than when I gave the ‘thermometer’ total to the editorial team for the June edition of *The Bugle*. We have received no grant from the government towards the remedial works, although we have applied for a share of a very small pot they made available.

Please can you help with this vital work, I would love to be able to report by the end of the summer that we have reached the 50% target – remember – for every gift the church receives from an individual it can obtain an uplift in the value of 25% through Gift Aid at no cost to the donor. £50 becomes £62.50; £1,000 becomes £1,250!

If you would like to make a contribution please contact me or Fr Ian or one of our churchwardens (*see Who’s Who page for contact details*)

Richard Chevis - Treasurer