

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS  
PARISH CHURCH  
MIDDLEWICH

RESTORATION  
PROJECT  
2016 - 2023

Preserving our  
future heritage

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## Background

St Michael's Church is a landmark building in a prominent position at the heart of Middlewich, greatly enhancing our town centre.



A major refurbishment of the north and south aisle slate roofs, walls and windows is now urgently needed, alongside improvements to the interior facilities. Without a watertight roof St Michael's and its historic heritage could soon be seriously damaged. If we succeed, St Michael's will become an even greater asset to the Middlewich community.

This appeal is to raise the funds essential to finance the works.

## A bit of history

The present church was originally built by the Normans and was then extensively rebuilt during the 15<sup>th</sup> century. It is a Grade 2\* listed building and retains many of its medieval

features. It has been used as a place of Christian worship down the centuries and as our parish church for those key lifetime events of birth, marriage and death.



It is still used as the regular place of worship for a thriving congregation, and as a focal point for the local community.

We receive no funding from the Church of England and the annual running costs of St Michael's, which amount to £160,000, are met by the generous regular giving of the congregation.



## Phase 1: What needs to be done?

So that St Michael's is dry, safe and in good condition now and for future generations we need to undertake five phases of work. Phase 1 focuses on the roof on the north side of the building,

And will commence towards the end of 2016:



- Remove the existing roof
- Repair the existing roof timbers and install new valley gutters
- Replace the old slates with new
- Carry our structural repairs to walls and windows

## The Cost?

The cost of Phase 1 is £297,500

## And what about phases 2, 3 & 4?

Phases 2 & 3 cover internal improvements including toilets, drains, kitchen facilities, a new floor, seating and heating system and improved lighting. The estimated cost is £100,000 and £300,000 respectively.

Phase 4 is the replacement of the roof and structural repairs to walls and windows on the south side of the

building. The estimated cost is £250,000. Phase 5 is the repair of masonry and woodwork at the lower levels at a cost of about £250,000.

## Where is the money coming from?



For Phase 1 we are receiving a grant from Heritage Lottery Fund of £235,000, and £49,500 from the government's VAT recovery scheme. Our contribution to this phase is £13,000 but we will also have to raise much more towards the total estimated cost of £1.2m.

We now invite you as a resident of the parish to join in and give to the appeal. Details of how to do this are on the back of this leaflet.

All contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged and there will be a Book of Thanks listing the names of all those giving £50 or more. We are also appealing to local organisations and other charitable sources to help us reach the target and carry out the work. Please join with us in preserving and enhancing the parish church for the benefit of our community.

## How can you contribute?

**Gift Day – 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016**, by bringing the enclosed envelope with your donation along to church between 12-4pm when the church will be open to visitors and there will be activities and refreshments for all the family.

Please make cheques payable to “Middlewich PCC”.

### By Post to the parish office:

28 Hightown, Middlewich, Cheshire. CW10 9AN  
(01606 738005)

Please make cheques payable to “Middlewich PCC”

### Online through the church website DONATE page:

<http://www.middlewichparishchurch.org.uk/paypal.html>



### More information?

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