



Feed our tree



A seed was sown for a fundraising activity at our Open Day in the church in May.

Money doesn't grow on trees but leaves do. Help put the leaves back on our tree before Christmas. For every meal raising funds for the church a date and amount will be entered onto the leaf and attached to the tree. Pop into the church to check where we have got to.

It doesn't matter if you are having a meal for 1 or 21; whether it is lunch, dinner, tea, garden party or a picnic; whether you ask your guests to make a donation of £2 or £20 it all adds up and will help our re-ordering project.

Let's see what we can raise over the summer and increase our donations even more if you use the Gift Aid envelopes! (You must not specify it is a cost but donation to be able to use Gift Aid)

Our church

St Mary's at Lytchett Matravers is an 11th Century listed church which is very much loved by both the church and village communities but over the last few years the heating system has deteriorated and no longer is functional. So after a lot of discussion, plans are being made for a reordering of the building to make the church more of a community building and a more flexible space. The church is geographically challenged as a result of the Black Death and Plague many years ago but if warm and welcoming provides a very useful space and the plan is to make more areas which could be used for different events and meetings. It would also hopefully lead to the church being open more often for quiet reflection in very beautiful surroundings.

So a new heating system, an improved lighting and a new sound system are at the top of the improvements. We are also looking at putting a porch on the north side of the building to welcome visitors, provide an entry on the flat and level and help to keep the heat in. We would also like to extend the kitchen and toilet facilities in the 1993 extension as well as opening up the north aisle, highlighting Sir John Maltravers grave whilst preserving it for the future and being able to separate the area from the nave.

This fundraising activity will be solely for the Fabric of the church and the money raised will go into a restricted fund for the building and not used for the everyday running of the church. If you are able to plan an event please let us know so we can keep a track; add a leaf to the tree for you and let everyone know by Easter 2016 what we have managed to raise.



Contact (More information and to register)

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Amount raised so far - **£776** of which **£77.00** in Gift Aid