

RENEWAL NEWS

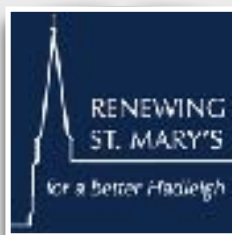
Treasuring the Past • Celebrating the Present • Challenged by the Future



PRAYER

We remember with gratitude those who built, repaired and adapted St. Mary's Church for over 1000 years.

As we work to address the building challenges of our generation, we ask for God's grace and we ask for courage and determination to enable us to deliver work worthy of the place where we worship.



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HLF APPLICATION

This week we have received news from HLF about the application we made for funding for the first phase of the re-ordering and learnt that we have not been successful with this particular application under Grants for Places of Worship which HLF have now withdrawn from their heritage grant making process. We will know more about the reasons when we receive a formal letter of explanation as to why from the HLF Assessment Officer. However, HLF have invited us to meet with them early in January in Cambridge to discuss ways in which we can reapply under a different heritage grant process for ancient public buildings and how they can best help us to move forward. We are certainly not giving up; many successful projects have had to apply more than once, and we will certainly be making every effort to proceed with a new application in the new year.

Additionally in 2018, we will be applying to other entirely different grantors, some of whom may be newly established charities and trusts, to enable us to carry out the work that is urgently required to the roof of the Sacristy and other outstanding urgent work.

The team are disappointed not to have better news especially when they had so much positive support from the parishioners and the wider community of Hadleigh but are determined to continue to move forward and seek funding urgently on behalf of the PCC.

In the new year the process for appointing a new Parish Priest for the Benefice of Hadleigh, Layham and Shelley will begin.

Once an appointment has been made it will help us to be able to plan for the longer term future.

Meanwhile Revd Canon Dr John Parr will be staying with us as Parish Priest until the new appointment is made.

We wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas, and a happy and prosperous new year.