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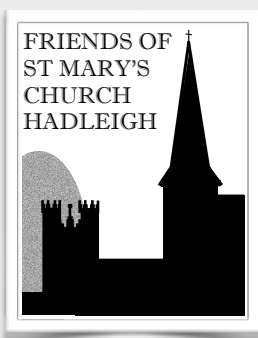
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SOUTH WEST DOORS

The doors, after 600 years of welcoming all to St Mary's, have proved to be more difficult to restore to good working condition and this entrance will need to be blocked off for about a week whilst work to their ancient hinges is carried out. Please bear with us as a signposted alternative entrance is used. Please also consider making a donation to cover these extra costs.

SACRISTY ROOF

The Friends of St Mary's through St Mary's Hadleigh Church Trust have offered to fund the repairs to the Sacristy roof at the north east corner of the church at a cost of around £40,000. This work to renew the roof covering and provide extra insulation and general refurbishment is due to take a period of approximately six weeks and a starting date will be announced shortly.

THE BENEFICE OFFICE IS MOVING

The Diocese have given the go-ahead for the Benefice office to be moved from the Vestry across into the ground floor entrance area of the Deanery Tower giving better access for all, and making it easier for Claire and the Rector to work together on the important administration work that needs to be carried out throughout the week. Some internal redecoration will be undertaken before the move takes place.

DEANERY TOWER

Plans are being discussed for the upper floors of the tower to be redecorated and used as a meeting room, study area and place for retreat.

This historical building, important for the Oxford Movement and the Hadleigh Conference (1833) and its part in the development of the Church of England has not really been 'exploited' to its full potential. Groups such as the Society of Catholic Priests or Affirming Catholicism would be interested, as would the town guides. There are a number of keen local historians with much research and knowledge behind them to enable this.

RECTORY GARDEN

We thank Fr Jo and Marylou Delfgou for allowing the generous use of the rectory gardens, please keep a look out for events being planned using this wonderful tranquil space for concerts, fetes, tea parties etc.