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MARIESCHI PAINTING OF VENICE

The Parochial Church Council after much consideration agreed to put the painting up for sale and it was offered to the art world at The European Fine Art Fair at Maastricht, March 16th-24th 2019 by Charles Beddington, who is widely considered to be the world's leading expert on Venice: Canaletto and His Rivals, and also by James Glennie of Art & Antiques Appraisals.

The painting has now been sold to a private Italian collector and after paying costs and the diocese for insurance we expect that in excess of £300,000 can be set aside for the renewal project.

A photographic facsimile on canvas of *The Grand Canal with San Simeone Piccolo and the Scalzi, c.1742* will in due course be able to be viewed.

Although this income is a huge leap forward in helping us to start carrying out the much needed work that is required to our beautiful building it is probably between 5%-10% of the funds we will require in the next few years to fulfil the hopes and dreams for a building fit for the community of Hadleigh by commencing on renewal of the decaying fabric, and being able to improve the facilities for the future.

THE SOUTH WEST PORCH ANCIENT ENTRANCE DOORS

This year a conservation project has been initiated under the supervision of Philip Orchard our diocesan architect. Pieces of oak mouldings that had parted company from the door tracery have been refixed. Shortly the Victorian lock that has weakened the stability of the door will be removed and measures will be taken to stabilise the structure so that the door will close properly. The work will be carried out by the diocesan timber expert David Bartram. Draught-proofing will also be carried out as has been done to all the external doors throughout the church.

REPAIR TO THE VESTRY ROOF

Renewal Project architects Freeland Rees Roberts have now received tenders for the long needed work to the leaking vestry roof. This work is to be carried out as soon as it can be scheduled and DAC approval is received. It will require scaffolding and there will be a certain amount of disruption around this area. The Benefice office may need to be relocated so we apologise for any inconvenience whilst the work takes place.

A survey of the bulge in the south parapet wall of the nave needs to be carried out urgently so this will be initiated in the near future.