

Fundraising Team for St Lawrence Church



The future at St Lawrence holds some exciting and challenging opportunities. In order to maintain and improve the fabric of the church itself, a major period of refurbishment and improvement will soon move forward from the planning and initial phase. Expenditure will be significant, but we have funds available through both accumulation and legacies for much of this. We hope to also be able to realise a longer-term return on any asset improvements through the increased hiring opportunities offered by any improvement programmes. We will, however, need some specific fundraising activity to ensure completion of the refurbishment.

There has also been a commitment at PCC level to invest in a full-time youth-worker, once our ongoing ability to sustain the costs of doing so have been established.

We have obligations to the wider church community to meet through the Common Fund; our payments cover a wide range of expenditure that the diocese is required to spend. However, most tangibly, in return for this we have the pastoral benefits afforded by a fully-costed full-time parish priest, and the opportunity to effectively manage the land and buildings which we have been either gifted or have invested in to make returns. This provides the opportunity to sustain ourselves as a viable church congregation, but should also create a financial environment for us to extend our reach for the benefit of the wider local parish community.

And in particular, we need to ensure that can support our uniformed organisations both in the short-term and long-term, with ongoing building provision that is fit for purpose.

In order to try and ensure potential income streams are not missed, we want to build up a small but active fundraising team. Regular stewardship and giving campaigns will continue to be very important, but we need participants who may either have skill sets or experience in, or simply unbounded enthusiasm for, helping source income via, for instance:

- The Church Grants Database
- Community and Corporate donors
- Legacy giving
- Project-targeted and ad-hoc fundraising activity

If you think this is something to which you want to contribute your time, then please email: duncan@extramanrecruitment.co.uk – it would be very encouraging if we could reach the end of summer with a cohort of fundraising leaders.

Thank you.

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Treasurer