



# News from St Clement's

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Sung Mass: Sundays at 10am

Taizé service: Once per month, see website

## Roof project completed

The scaffolding came down in March, and although you cannot see the new roof from ground level the inside of the south aisle has been transformed. If you have not seen it yet why not come in and have a look? Instead of the holes in the ceiling and water damaged plaster all is fresh and newly painted.

We completed the re-roofing on time and within our original budget, and thanks to our grant from the roof repair fund (see logo above) we did not have to draw heavily on our own resources. Once the project was going smoothly we were able to make the decision to use some more of our funds to pay for the internal redecoration while there was scaffolding in place in the church.

## Future projects

These are exciting times for those involved in the life of your parish church. In January we appointed Sarah Dani of Freeland Rees Roberts to be our architect for the next stages of our overall project to secure the future of St Clement's. We are currently finalising a master plan and have started the process of getting the necessary faculties and permissions for the next stages to go ahead. There is some money in the kitty to make a start, and we have recently applied for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for more repairs. We will need to apply for further grants and appeal for donations in order to see our plans realised.

Our first priorities are to upgrade the heating, construct new facilities including toilets and a kitchen near the south door, and improve the entrance through the west door so it can be used as the main entrance with provision for wheelchair users. We want to have more flexible seating with pews that can be moved to suit different activities, and if all goes well we hope to be able to welcome Cambridge's Russian Orthodox congregation to hold their services in St Clement's some time next year.

There are other projects in the pipeline too. We are hoping to install a new ring of 6 bells in the tower to help with training a new generation of ringers to ring the bells in and around Cambridge, and further afield, in the traditional manner. However do not worry about being deafened by endless clanging. Most of the time the bells will be rung with their clappers tied so that the only noise is a computer simulation audible in the ringing chamber. When they are heard outside the sound will be controlled to an acceptable level, with the full volume only being produced when appropriate.

When we have sufficient money we are also planning to restore the mural and painted ceiling in the chancel, carry out much needed improvements to the organ, and replace the current dilapidated vestry with a new larger structure in the same area.

## A grant for the Churchyard

Thanks to some much appreciated work by local councillor Tim Bick we have been promised a grant by Cambridge City Council of up to £10,000 for improvements to the churchyard. This is Section 106 money paid into a fund by developers and allocated this year to open spaces in the city centre wards. We are not sure yet when we might receive the money or how we will spend it.

Basic maintenance of the churchyard is the responsibility of the Council, but we also receive wonderful help and encouragement from some of the local residents. We are making plans to improve the wilder north east end of the churchyard and to allocate some space to Park Street Primary School for their projects. When we are able to rebuild the vestry we intend to provide much better access to the churchyard from the church and to landscape the area to suit the new building. At the same time we need to make sure that we do not lose the current charm and diversity of this special place.

## Dates for your diary

There has been plenty of activity in the church recently, including a wedding, story trails for primary school groups, and participation in the Archbishop of Canterbury's "Thy Kingdom Come" week of prayer. Our schedule of services is displayed outside the church and on our website (note two further visits by Bishop Rowan Williams in July), and we hope to be able to extend our opening hours during the summer when there will usually be someone around to answer questions or just have a chat. Here are details of some musical events and exhibitions that will be held in the church over the next few weeks:

Exhibition "Inspiration in Art and Music" 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> June

Opening (with refreshments) Fri 23/06 3pm-7pm; Sat & Mon-Wed 11am-5pm; Thu 11am-1pm

"Faith" - An exhibition of portraits (in conjunction with Michaelhouse)

Tuesday - Saturday throughout July, 11am-5pm

Saturday Lunchtime Recitals - All starting 1pm, duration 45-60 minutes, free entry with retiring collection in aid of St Clement's Organ Restoration Fund:

1 <sup>st</sup> July	Ian de Massini (piano)	Bach: Goldberg Variations
8 <sup>th</sup> July	The Orlando Singers	Madrigals and flower songs
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Anna Lush (soprano)	Baroque arias
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Giorgos Vardakis (piano)	Liszt, Scarlatti and Ravel
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Felix Kemp (baritone)	Lieder and English song