

St Michael's and all Angels Church Lambourn

September 2021

Dear Parishioner,

Annual Gift Day 25th September

Our beautiful grade I listed Church stands at the centre of the village and is there for the entire parish for worship, private prayer, or simply a place to reflect in silence. For many in these times it has been a quiet refuge away from the turbulence of life and the worries about Covid 19. It is also there at important times in peoples' lives, such as weddings, baptisms and funerals. It has been open for private prayer for most of the Covid period.

The burden of maintenance of the ancient grade I listed building is very great. There is no national or local source of funds (apart from limited grants) so the cost falls on the village. In addition to maintenance, we have improved the Church for general use, such as the recent Carnival Cream Teas and Exhibition, by installing toilets and a proper kitchen and have created a more flexible space in the front of the nave. During Covid we have been unable to have fund raising events.

This year we are particularly appealing fund funds to repair our ancient clock dial motion works and hands, adapt the Lady Chapel for resumption of our toddlers' group, Lambourn lambs, and for urgent repainting work.

Once again at our Patronal Festival on the morning of Saturday 25th September the vicar and wardens will be happy to receive gifts at the lychgate. Please give generously so that this facility can be used by the whole village in the years ahead. If you cannot give it at that time the vicar or wardens would be delighted to receive it at the addresses below.

Even if you are not a regular church-goer we urge you to support this important landmark in our village particularly at this time.

The Government allows us to get tax back from any donation, provided a Gift Aid declaration is made and that you pay income tax to the value of your gift. This costs you nothing extra, but increases the value of your gift by 25%. If you want to use GIFT AID and pay tax please tear off the slip below and enclose it in your envelope.

Rev Julie Mintern
Vicar
The Vicarage
4 Newbury street

Bruce Laurie
Churchwarden
Setton House
Greenways

Amanda Marchant
Churchwarden
7 Baydon Road

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GIFT AID DONATION Charity name: St Michael & All Angels Church Lambourn

I am a UK tax payer.

I would like tax to be reclaimed on the enclosed donation to the above charity through the Gift Aid Scheme.

Title(Mr/Mrs) _____ Surname _____

Forenames _____

Address _____

Postcode(essential) _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

I pay income/capital gains tax at least equal to the amount of tax to be reclaimed.