



A letter to everyone in Halberton Parish from **St Andrew's Church**

Dear Parishioner,

Your Church Needs You!

Without support from the community your parish church could close in the next 3 years

For over 1,000 years the church in Halberton has been at the centre of local life, faith and worship. Today St Andrew's is there for family and friends to gather for baptisms, weddings and funerals. As well as the regular services it is used by the community at Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance and for school events.

The church is a landmark in the village and a part of its character. It is very special, both historically and architecturally, and is Grade 1 Listed. This makes it very expensive to run and maintain.

So where does the money come from to keep St Andrew's running? It comes mostly from what the 'regulars' put in the collections and from fund-raising events such as Coffee Mornings and the Fete. Occasionally it is remembered in someone's will, but gets no regular income from the state or monetary help from the Church of England.

We are most grateful for the support people already give but, sadly, the regular income from the small congregation no longer meets the increasing basic running costs. There is currently a shortfall of £7,500 a year despite all our fund-raising and cost-cutting efforts - that's £144 more a week to find!

To avoid closure St Andrew's needs to raise its regular income and we are asking you to help.

We are particularly appealing for regular, pledged donations. Coming from lots of you it will make a huge difference. Forms for making a donation and how to respond are enclosed.

Thank you for reading this.

Yours hopefully and with many thanks,

Shirley Davey & Heather Corden - Churchwardens

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