

Your next step

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If you would like to make your donation by bank transfer, our bank details are:

Account number 00017455. Sort code 40-52-40

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St. Margaret's, West Hoathly



For more information on the life and work of St. Margaret's Church, please contact our Vicar

The Venerable Lionel Whatley 01342 810757

or our Churchwardens:

Erica Ansell 01342 811215

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Keep up to date with progress on the Extension and everything else happening at St. Margarets on our new website:

www.westhoathly.org.uk

**Please come to our
Grand Fund-raising Launch
at 10.00 on
Saturday, 9th April to see &
hear the plans for our
beautiful church**

**The Parish Church of Saint Margaret of
Antioch serving the people of**

West Hoathly and Sharpthorne

*"To do justice, love mercy and walk humbly
with our God"*



**Please support
our appeal
to fund the new extension
at St. Margaret's**



**Help us to add much needed
facilities to the Parish Church**

The Parish Church

St. Margaret's Church is the centre piece of the Parish. The oldest parts of the Church were first built 926 years ago and, since then, there have been a number of additions including the tower, the spire and the vestry. The building is a Grade 1 listed building with many features that are of great historic interest.

Over the years the building has been brought improved but it still lacks any toilets or even a mains water supply.

Nowadays, the Church building is much more than a place of worship and is used frequently for events embracing the whole community for all to enjoy as it has done over the centuries.

After 30 years of talking, at last, we are going to build the much needed new facilities for our Church. The scheme has been designed to provide:

- NEW** toilet facilities for the able and disabled;
- NEW** new vestry and meeting area for activities for young & old alike
- NEW** A new servery & storage
- NEW** Level access throughout the building for the able & disabled.

Now is the time ...

The key features of the extension is that it does not protrude into the body of the existing building thereby preserving the tranquillity and sanctity that makes the Church so special.

Great care has been taken in the design process to also ensure the footprint of the extension does not protrude into the churchyard area.

As a Grade 1 listed building, the Church has had to consult with and gain approval from many different bodies, including Historic England (formerly English Heritage), the Church Building Council, the Victorian Society and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Only after gaining these approvals have we been able to obtain planning permission from Mid Sussex District Council. The final step in the approvals process is to obtain consent from the Diocese of Chichester.

Now our thoughts are turning to financing and then to actually building the extension. We need to raise £290,000. So far, we have received £40,000 from our Parochial Church Council and, in addition, we are confident of recovering around £40,000 of VAT. This leaves a figure of around £200,000 to be raised.

We aim to raise the balance of this money from a variety of sources:

... for all to help

- **From you!**
- **By donations from people within the community;**
- **By gifts from local benefactors;**
- **By grants; and**

All of the monies raised will be transferred into a separate Building Fund account specifically and only for this project and related work.

We are now asking for each & every person to dig deep and to make a significant donation for the project. To make your donation worth even more, we ask that you complete a Gift Aid declaration so we can enhance your donation by 25% at no extra cost to you.

With a lot of faith, hope and charity, we intend to raise the funds so that we can start building work in the late Summer/Autumn 2016.

**Please help to update this,
the most important
building in our community.**