



2023/24 ANNUAL REPORT

Our church vision
is to...

Love GOD
&
Love HOVE
like Jesus

to see our world
transformed
for the better



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A word from the Vicar

One of the privileges of working in the Church of England...as well as serving God alongside the amazing people of our church family, preaching and teaching God's word weekly, seeing young and older grow in faith, in understanding of God's word and in commitment to Jesus... as well as all that, one of the privileges is that after 10 years in ordained ministry you are offered, and encouraged to take, a 3 month sabbatical for rest, for spiritual reflection and to prepare you (and your family in my case) for the next 10 years! For the Hendersons this is coming very soon. I will be on sabbatical leave during June, July & August during which time the wonderful St. Andrew's leadership team & church family will keep things going at church.

We are looking forward to it...we are also looking forward to coming back to St. Andrew's afterwards!

The fact that our church family, all you Living Stones, with John & Fiona our wardens, and governed by our PCC, have achieved so much this last year is how I know St. Andrew's ministry will keep going! From celebrating and live streaming the coronation to joining 400 young people on a youth camp...from packed out Christmas Carol services to packed out Lent bible studies...from plans to transform our building for the community to plans to employ a youth & children's worker to grow ministry. All these things and more have happened because God has worked through willing volunteers in our church family. THANK YOU!

Of course ultimately, our church isn't dependent on me, or our wardens, or PCC or even you! So let's spend another year giving glory to Jesus and asking him to sustain us and our ministry in this place.

"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" – Colossians 1:17

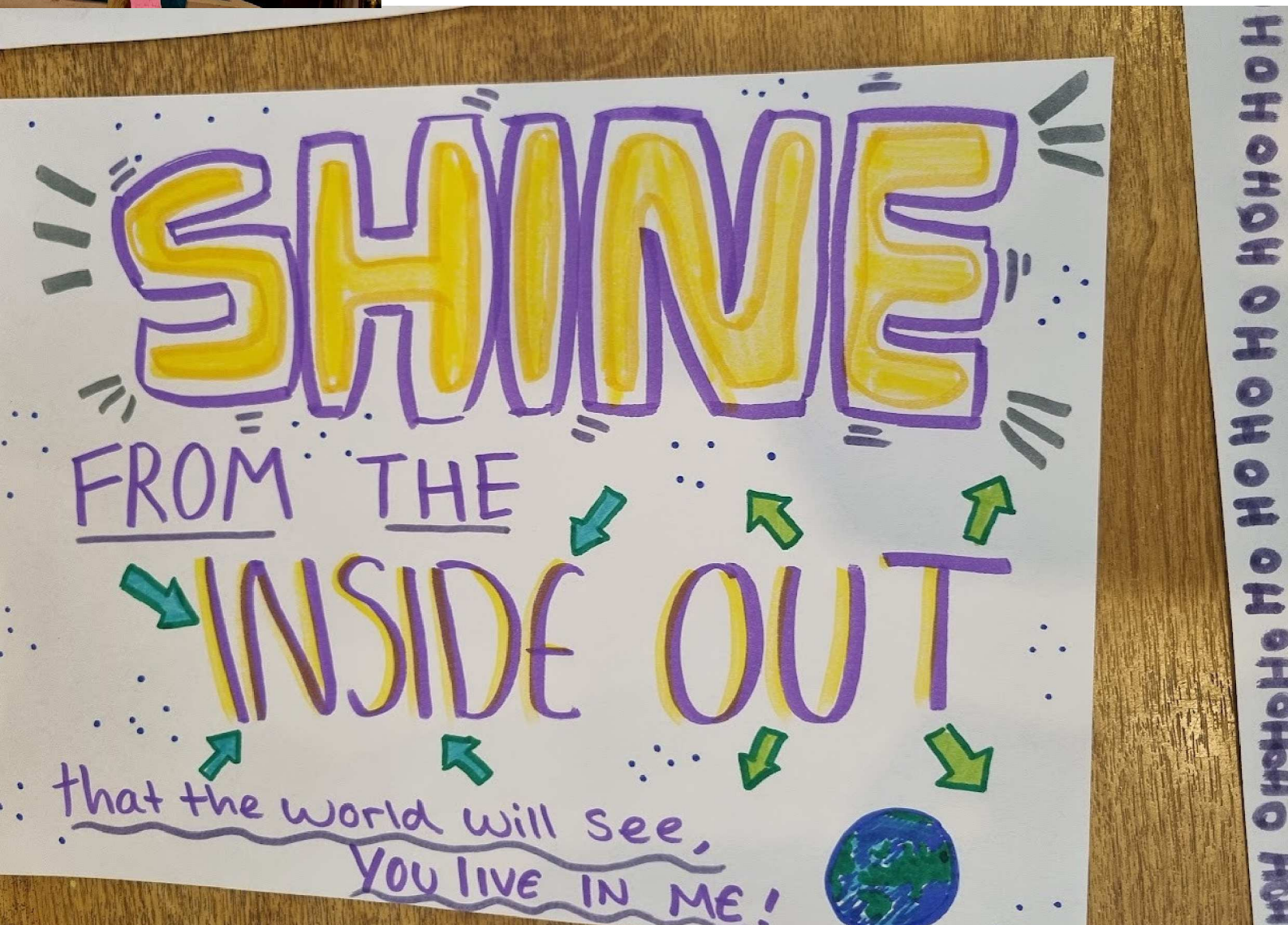
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OUR VISION

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." - **Matthew 22:37-40**

MINISTRY

JUST SOME OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING...



ST. ANDREW'S ILLUMINATIONS!

We were excited this year to work with our local Police & the Safer Streets Sussex initiative to use a grant to install floodlighting in the churchyard and also CCTV. In addition to St. Andrew's now shining out physically as well as in faith, this has been another step towards the safety of the area.

GENESIS TEACHING SERIES

For 6 months in 2023 we studied Genesis as a church for the Diocesan 'Year of the Old Testament'. God taught us that he is in control...even it doesn't seem so.

GENESIS
creation fall redemption



DIOCESAN MAY YOUTH CAMP

We took a group of 13 young people from our youth group to the Diocesan May Camp at Plumpton Racecourse. It was an amazing and exhausting long weekend with all sorts of activities, seminars, teaching and worship. Our new StACY G hoodies helped us to spot the St. Andrew's Youth Group across the field too! Do pray for StACY G to keep growing in & living out their faith!

EASTER

Our Holy Week services grew again this year as the church and community came together for worship. On Easter Day we worked out why a tick and a cross are the best symbols at Easter ...
... 'It is finished!' ☒



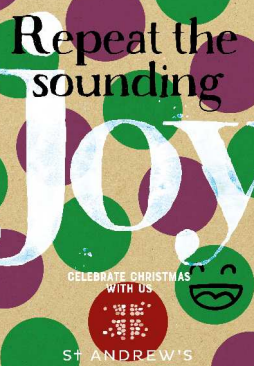
KING CHARLES III CORONATION

St. Andrew's hosted a big screen live stream of the wonderful coronation service of our new King. We watched together, sang together and prayed together for God to bless King Charles and work through him for God's glory and the good of others. Of course, in true St. Andrew's style, we also ate lots of cake and snacks together!



CHRISTMAS

During our Christmas services we focussed on how we can 'repeat the sounding joy!' We welcomed hundreds of our local community and raised over £1k for the Sanctuary Foundation towards their campaign for aid in Gaza.

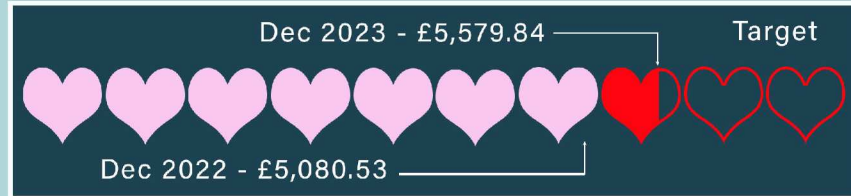




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THE MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

Church Family Giving Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) donations



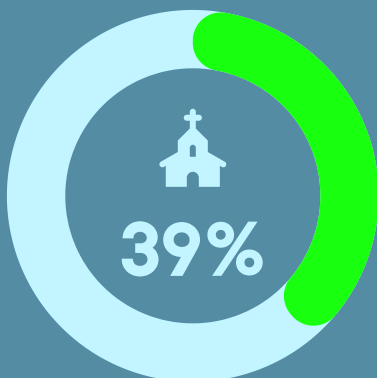
Building Project

This year we have spent £44,342 of our re-ordering fund to bring the project to RIBA stage 3 & to install CCTV and lighting in the churchyard.

We are now in RIBA stage 4 - Technical Design & Permission.

We are also entering our **fundraising** stage.

We currently have...



of our target for
the whole project
of £800,000

**PRAISE
GOD**

With prayer, generosity and a commitment to serving God at St. Andrew's our congregation have increased regular giving this year.

THANK YOU!

The most effective way to give regularly to St. Andrew's is PGS

To start or change your giving just visit our website -
www.standrewshove.org/giving
and choose the option for the Parish Giving Scheme

Our aim is to raise £100,000 through church and community fundraising whilst continuing our grant fundraising efforts to reach the overall target

Please keep praying that what God wants us to build to be built!

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...with the buildings
we've been given



Our plans for our building are ambitious...

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West-end flexible space



Creating a flexible space for anything from coffee mornings to study groups, youth drop-in cafés to a shared workspace, community groups to parenting seminars

Church Office

A point of contact for visitors and a way to improve our welcome

Kitchen & Toilets

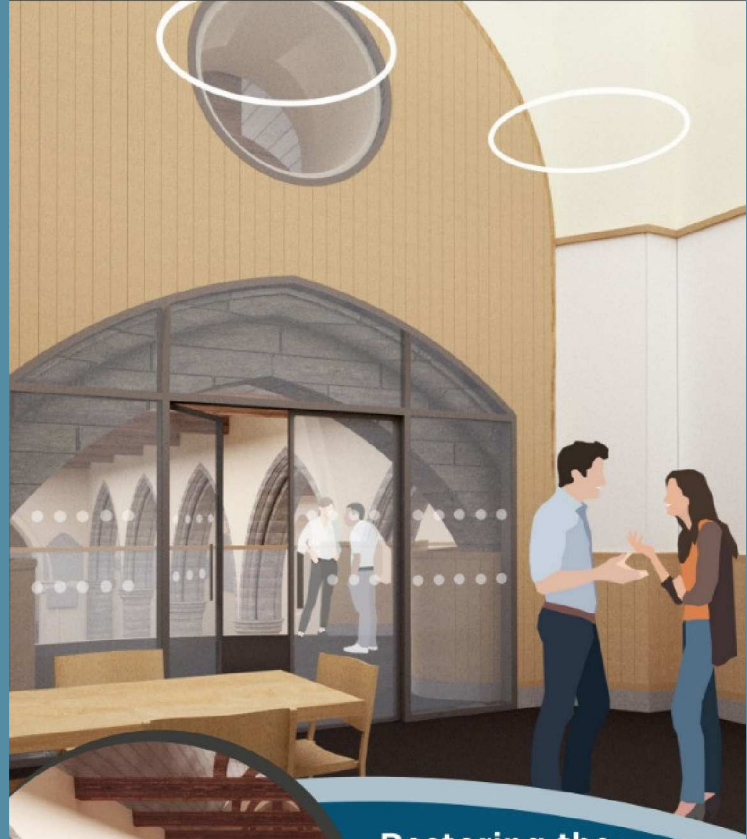
To cater for church & community events, and offer refreshments and community facilities.



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Mezzanine & Tower room



Restoring the crumbling tower space to offer creché facilities, a meeting space and enhanced views of the beautiful church architecture

Allowing for an additional seating area during large services, concerts or events.



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Nave flexible space



Following the example of our Cathedral in Chichester (pictured above and right) we will enhance our worship and improve our church as a venue by using flexible seating.



The church will be able to be used for different styles of worship, children's activities & community events.

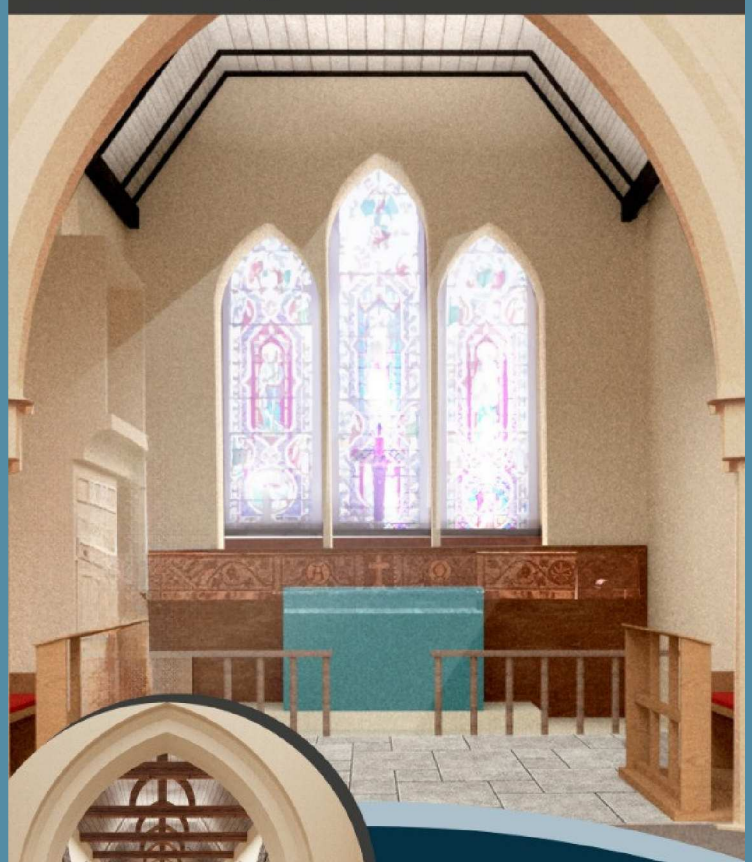
Replacing the old damaged wooden pew platforms will allow us to install efficient underfloor heating and reduce energy loss



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Stage & Chancel



Improving visibility & usability for our worship, school services, concerts and other events.

The chancel will retain its original feel while enabling intimate services and a more usable space for worship, ministry and musician & choir seating.



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...they involve big changes while
enhancing our beautiful building... 9

...please pray that God will use these plans to do amazing things!

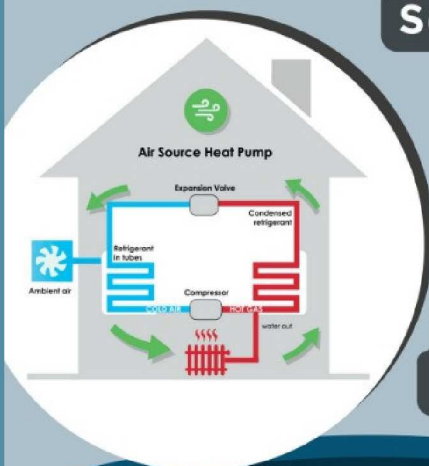
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Ecological sustainability



We are committed to reducing carbon emissions and caring for the world God has given us.

Our project plans include:



Solar panels

Underfloor heating

Air source heat pumps



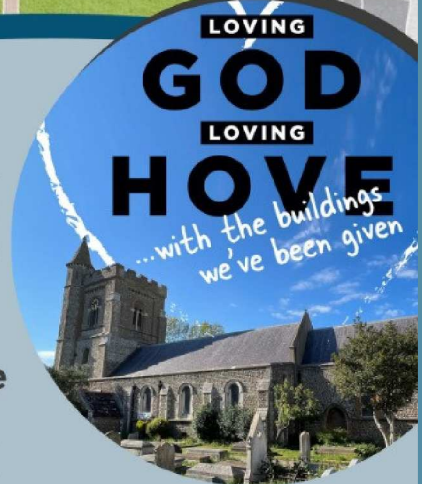
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Churchyard Improvement



In partnership with Tesco we will be making improvements to the churchyard in order to reduce anti-social behaviour and to facilitate...

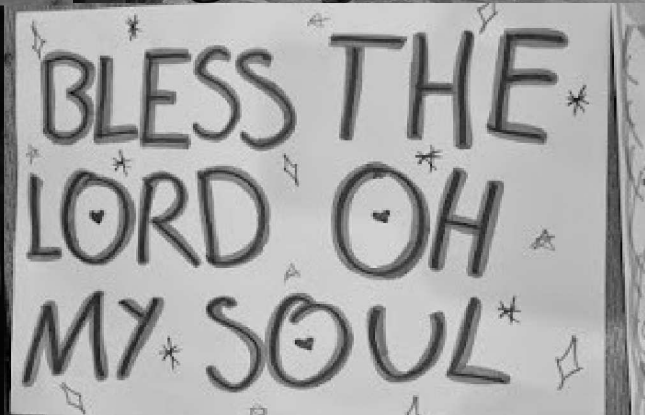


...positive use of this community green space as a place of rest, reflection and peace.



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