

ST MARY'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024



Event Updates

April's Cheese & Wine evening was wonderful, we heard about the history of the De Houks, and had an update on our fundraising. It was enjoyed by all who attended; as a bonus it raised £323.50 (minus expenses) for the Hook 800+ Project. Thank you to all who supported and volunteered. This beautiful photo was captured as guests departed. All welcome to our next event – see right for details.

St Mary's Hook 800+ Restoration

Following our recent Sponsor a Chair Appeal we were able to place an order for 40 chairs, replacing the pews at the rear of the church. We now have a lovely flexible space we can use for a variety of events, such as Knit and Natter, Art Club and the new Hand-stitching for the Soul group.

We are still looking for nine more chair sponsors to cover those already bought. Please visit www.hookchurch.org.uk for more information. It may be a little longer before we can purchase another 100 to give us the capacity we require for larger gatherings, such as weddings & funerals, but we are sure we can get there at some point.

We continue to apply for funding to help restore St Mary's and following a successful application to the Goole Wind Farm Community Fund we now have £25,000 towards installing the accessible indoor disabled toilet! We also hope to level the flooring to the planned high standard, which will then enable us to install a kitchenette, kindly donated by Howden Joinery, with an enhanced bespoke finish.

Volunteering

We have a good range of fundraising ideas but are desperately seeking anyone who can spare a few hours to help, if you are looking for a worthy cause to get involved with, please do get in touch. It is rewarding in so many ways.

The unique qualities of the church building and its grounds offer so much worth sharing, its 800 year history has so much more to offer, but with limited time/talents we Need YOU!

The Heart of the Community

The organisations and charities we are seeking to reach, for funding toward the larger stages of the restoration, are sadly not interested in merely repairing an old building, no matter how historic, they need to see the church used more widely, with local lives being enriched. Whilst our main purpose, of course, is to provide a place for worship, but the building is so lovely that it should be enjoyed by the whole community and offers a unique space for gathering. Do get in touch to find out more.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday (except Bank holidays):

ART CLUB: 7-9pm

HAND-STITCHING FOR THE SOUL: 10am-12noon

HOOK CHURCH RUN!

**Wednesday 19 June
From 6pm**

10km / 5km or 1mile from Hook Play Park along the river-bank. Stalls, games and fundraising for all, including non-runners. Register online!

CHEESE & WINE EVENING

**Friday 12 July
5.30-9pm**

Drop in and join us for cheese and wine whilst enjoying the beautiful surroundings of our church. Family & friends welcome.

AFTERNOON CREAM TEAS

**Sunday 18 August
12noon-3pm**

Save the date! Cream teas will be served following the Sunday morning Church service, raising vital funds for the Hook 800+ Project. More details to follow shortly.

YOUR NEXT EVENT

If you would like to find out more about using our unique space for your next event, group or meeting, please do get in touch.

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