

GREAT NEWS.....IT'S HAPPENING!

After many years of thought and planning, we are now in a position to start the long awaited re-ordering (refurbishment) of St. Mary's Church.

In addition to the interior work we have also commissioned much needed work on the outside fabric of the building.

The church will be refurbished to a high standard making a more flexible and usable building including facilities for both traditional and modern styles of worship, the ability to host a variety of social events and we will be able to host a wide range of concerts and performances.

We will be installing a new lighting system which will enhance the architecture as well as being more practical and flexible than the failing system we currently have. This will include a complete rewire and the installation of a modern projection system.

On the outside of the church, we will be completing a re-render of the chancel, work on the roof and ceiling of the chancel and other remedial work on the gutters, downspouts and other parts of the roofs.

The work inside the church will be starting on 25th September, although some of the outside work may begin earlier. **Our last Sunday service in church will be on 11th September** and the **RAFA Battle of Britain memorial service will be on 14th September.**

There will also be a **concert by the Anglian Singers on 17th September** at 7.30pm. Please contact the church office for tickets which will also be available from Adcocks.

The following week will be spent getting the church ready for the work to begin.

At this stage we cannot be definite about when the church will reopen, but it is hoped the work will be completed by the beginning of March. It does seem a long time, but we are engaging on a major project and the future will last for a long time!! During the period of the works, the 10am services will be mostly in the Watton Christian Community Centre – please keep a watch on the service plan on the website, in the Five Alive, on the Pew News, in the Wayland News, on the notice boards outside Church and outside Adcocks and we hope to provide a plan you can have at home with you. The Evensong on 25th September and the Praise and Worship on 23rd October will be at All

Saints Threxton, both at 6.30pm. The Sunday 8am and Wednesday 9.30am services will be taking place in the Church Room.

Keep an eye on the website – all information and updates of the progress of the work will appear here first.

**The Parish Office will remain open as usual,
Tues—Thurs 9.00am—1.00pm.**

When we are holding our 10.00am Services at the Watton Christian Community Centre, we ask that if you will be travelling by car would you **please park on the public car park** unless you are a Blue Badge Holder, leaving the WCCC car park free for the Methodist Service at 10.45am.

**Please contact St Mary's Church Office with any queries
or if you are able to offer practical or financial help with the work.**

Please click [here](#) for a list of Services from September to December during the refurbishment.