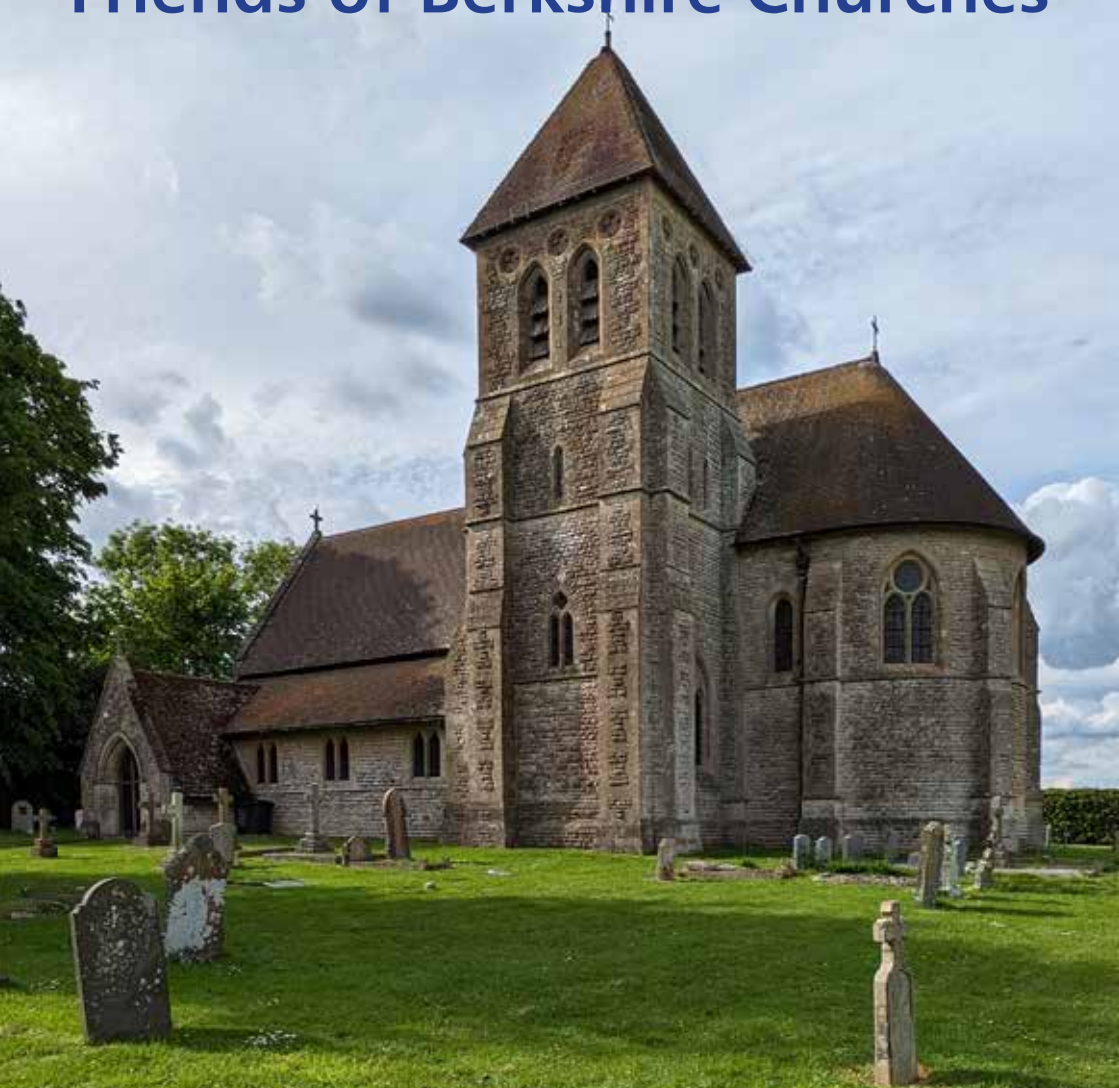


News
for
Friends of Berkshire Churches



Berkshire Historic Churches Trust
September 2024

THE Royal County of Berkshire Churches Trust was established in February 1984, so this year marks the 40th anniversary. In that time, the Trust has given £750,000 of grants to support essential repairs and improvements to church buildings in the County - a significant sum, but a fraction of the total cost of these works. The Trust would welcome applications from any church in the county planning repairs or new facilities; we can now also give small grants for project development costs.



Don't forget the annual Ride+Stride event - this year on Saturday 14 September - which raises funds for the Trust and for participating churches.

Recent Grants by Berkshire Historic Churches Trust

Grants paid:

St Andrew, Boxford : £10,000

to repair the tower roof and improve drainage

St Peter, Caversham : £500

for re-plastering after water damage

St Mary, Fawley : £500

for repairs to leadwork on the tower roof

Thatcham Methodist Church : £1,500

for renewal of a roof and installation of accessible toilets

Grants offered:

St Peter, Cranbourne : £15,000

for re-roofing the nave and new rainwater goods

All Saints, East Garston : £9,500

for repairs to the tower roof

St Mary, Hampstead Norreys : £5,000

for new heating and lighting

St John, Newbury : £10,000

for improvement of access at the main entrance

St Nicolas, Newbury : £1,000

for a feasibility study of a major re-ordering project

St John, Stockcross : £1,200

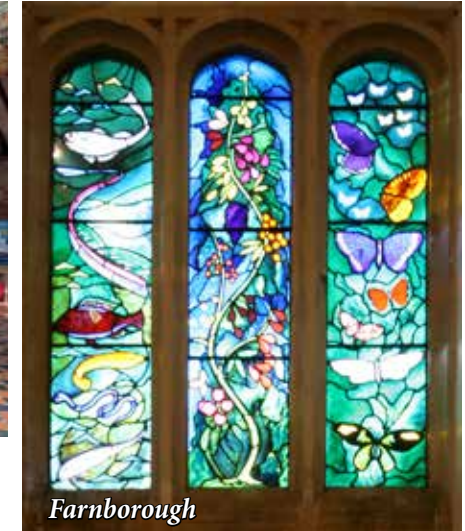
for replacement of rainwater goods

Annual Meeting and church tour 2024

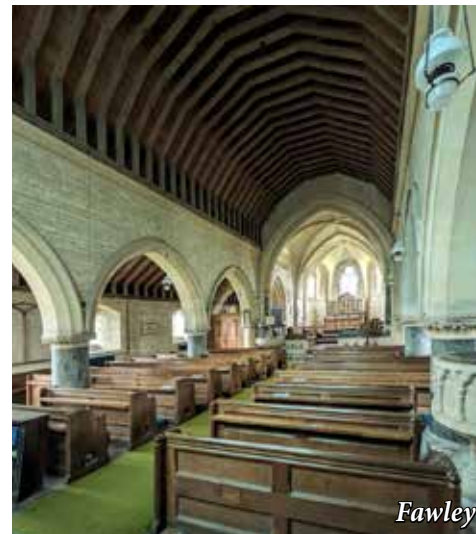
The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday 29th September** at 2 pm
at **St James, Leckhampstead (RG20 8QY)**,
and will be followed by visits to
All Saints, Farnborough (OX12 8PH), **St Mary, Fawley (OX12 9NJ)**,
with tea and evensong at **St Barnabas, Peasemore (RG20 7JH)**.



Leckhampstead



Farnborough



Fawley



Peasemore

Attendance at the meeting is free; there is a charge of £6 per head for tea. Please book your place online at www.TicketSource.co.uk/Berkshire-Churches-Trust or phone Marion Elly (01628 482637)

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Berkshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1983 to help with the costs of maintaining the historic churches, chapels and meeting houses, of all Christian denominations, in the Royal County, and to provide funds towards the provision of the facilities that churches need if they are to serve effectively as centres of their communities.

Since its inception it has given grants totalling £750,000 towards the costs of repairing or replacing roofs, towers, spires, stonework, windows, heating and lighting and installing toilets and kitchens – but this is only a fraction of the costs of keeping our churches in good order, and new requests for help come in every year.

We are most grateful to the Friends of Berkshire Churches who pay a regular subscription to support the Trust.

Could you support the Trust with a legacy in your will?

Once you have considered bequests to family and friends, a legacy gift in your will would be a lasting way to help protect the historic churches of Berkshire for the future. We would be happy to discuss this - please contact the Chairman or Secretary.

The Berkshire Historic Churches Trust is a registered charity, and a legacy in your will is therefore exempt from Inheritance Tax; in addition, if 10% of more of the total estate is left to charities, a lower rate of Inheritance Tax will apply to other bequests.

You should consult your solicitor or professional will-writer about the appropriate wording of any legacy.