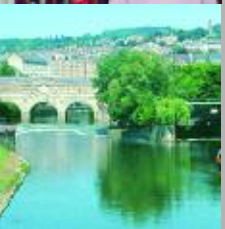


Please Help Save Lansdown's Landmark



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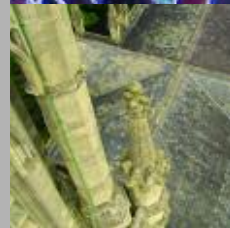
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Our Community Needs Your Help

St Stephen's Church tower is a much loved local landmark and distinctive feature of our city; a World Heritage site.

The tower is in urgent need of repair as many of the stones are crumbling and falling to the ground. We need to raise significant funds to complete this restoration project otherwise the church and community centre will be forced to close.

As this is the only public community building in Landsdown, used by hundreds of people each week, it is our duty to save this vibrant meeting place, active church and protect a feature of the skyline for this and future generations.

To achieve this we need to count on your support. Please be generous.

*Thank you for your support,
Jonathan*

Jonathan LLOYD
Parish Priest



"I see it as a powerful symbol, visible from across the city, of more than two thousand years of belief. In an age like this we need such symbols, telling us we must reach up and up."

Bel Mooney, writer
broadcaster and local
resident

Protect Bath's Heritage



St Stephen's Church, was built between 1840 and 1845 by the well-known Bath architect James Wilson who also built Kingswood School, The Royal High School (Senior) and many houses across Bath. Inspired and influenced by magnificent cathedrals in Europe,

James Wilson designed the decorative and distinctive tower of St Stephen's Church in three sections: on a square base; an octagonal tower; and large, impressive freestanding corner pinnacles attached by traceried flying buttresses.

The Challenge

Hidden within the tower's beautiful exterior there is a serious flaw. Wilson built the tower with iron cramps to support the soft Bath stone. After 150 years of wind, rain, pollution and traffic, water has penetrated the stone and caused dangerous corrosion to the iron.

current state the dangers presented by the condition of the tower will eventually cause the church and community centre to close.

To restore and refurbish the tower it will cost £500,000.

The English Heritage Lottery Fund has provisionally offered a grant of £200,000 on the condition that the Tower Appeal raises £300,000.

However £100,000 must be raised by December 2006.

The stones of the tower are now falling to the ground, threatening the overall stability of the tower. Urgent conservation work is required to this Grade II star listed building. In its

We need your help now.

Support the Tower Appeal Today

St Stephen's Church does not receive State or Church of England funding and already faces a considerable task to fund day-to-day operational costs. The Tower Appeal is too huge a challenge for the church community to undertake alone, which is why we need to count on the support and partnership of the local community of Lansdown and beyond to carry out this urgent restoration project.



How much will it cost?

Building Stage	Work Planned	Estimated Costs	Funding
Stage 1	Survey and investigate the damage to ascertain precise costs.	£85,000	Secured by English Heritage Lottery Fund and local donors
Stage 2	Carry out urgent repairs to the fabric of the top and middle sections, the pinnacles, remove corroded cramps and replace roof	£271,000	£171,000 conditional offer from by EHL., Appeal must raise £100,000 by Dec' 06 to secure EHLF grant
Stage 3	Repair base, install a new set of bells, provide disabled access and improve landscape	£144,000 (inc. contingencies)	The Appeal must generate these funds through a public fundraising campaign.
Total		£500,000	

Ways You Can Help



A one-off donation

Making a one-off gift could contribute significantly to this restoration programme.

Regular gift Giving

You could give as little or as much as you wish but a regular amount monthly, quarterly or annually will ensure a reliable income for the Appeal.

In-Memoriam donations

Making a donation in memory of a loved one will help ensure a lasting legacy to maintain the beauty of the skyline. All in-memoriam donations can be marked in our commemorative book.

Legacies

A legacy is one of the most lasting and precious gifts you can bequeath. You will be helping to secure the future of St Stephen's Church by leaving money or assets in your Will.

Donating shares

By donating old and unwanted shares to the Tower Appeal you could be generating significant funds and receive generous tax incentives at the same time.

Corporate Support

This could be in the form of a donation, sponsorship, gifts in kind or organising fundraising events. In return, we can develop a package of benefits to suit your company's needs.

Payroll Giving

As an individual you could donate through payroll giving and encourage matched giving schemes.

Volunteering

Our team is small and mostly run by volunteers, if you have any time to spare or would like to organize any fundraising events in the future then we would love to hear from you.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer then please remember to gift aid your donation. We can claim an extra 28% from the government on top of your donation and it doesn't cost you a penny. Please complete the enclosed gift aid form when making a donation.

To discuss any of these fundraising opportunities in more detail please call the Appeal Office on **01225 335800**.

Living Stones - St Stephen's in the Community



St Stephen's Church is at the heart of the local community, and a place where the important moments of life are marked from the cradle to the grave.

Perhaps you will come to St Stephen's for a baby's baptism, your child's nativity play, a teenager's confirmation, a wedding day, or a loved one's funeral; St Stephen's is a place of welcome, community, and celebration. Our regular congregation of over a hundred members is made up of people from all parts of local life, and our special services at Christmas and Easter are important times for the whole parish.



Every day of the week St Stephen's Church and Centre are meeting places for hundreds of people of all ages and backgrounds.

- Classes and clubs are offered in art, photography, yoga, music for children, computer skills, health and fitness, and more.
- In partnership with St Stephen's Church of England Primary School a new Out of School Club will open in early 2007.
- NorthSide Youth Club is the only club for teenagers in the area.
- The local Brownie group gathers here and children's parties are regularly held.
- In addition, St Stephen's is a place of personal support and counselling – Focus Counselling provides weekly sessions by professional counsellors, and our clergy are available for the whole community as a confidential listening ear.
- We provide a base for local community groups including the Lansdown Neighbourhood Group, which provides a regular lunch for older people, community support and trips to the shops. The Parent and Toddler group meets on Mondays and gives parents an opportunity to meet and support each other.

By supporting this appeal, you are helping to preserve Bath's skyline, save a local landmark and support your community.

"As a new mother Parent & Toddler Group was a lifeline for me and gave me a chance to meet lots of new people"

Liz, a mum from the Monday Parent & Toddler Group



THANK YOU