

What is cHALLenge?

The cHALLenge project was launched in February 2009 with a Gift Day which raised sufficient funds for the PCC to commission the church architect to prepare plans for the much needed church hall.

Plans have been drawn up (see visuals overleaf). The proposed extension includes a hall, kitchen, toilets, office and storage space. The project has been costed prior to submission to the Diocese of St Albans, English Heritage and the planning authorities for approval. The target for the appeal is £500,000.

There is a real need for this additional facility. Appropriate provision for Sunday School and crèche are vital and the church is required to have a toilet with disabled access. In addition to the need for a hall/meeting room the church currently has inadequate storage and office space.

Over thirty community groups that either currently use the church or would potentially benefit from the availability of such a hall have been identified.

Our church building dates back to the founding of an Augustinian priory on the site in around 1162. It fell into disrepair following the Reformation until it was bought by the people of Royston in the mid-sixteenth century to serve as the Parish Church. During the reign of Queen Victoria the chancel tower was encased in flint (which has recently necessitated expensive restoration) and the chancel, current vestry and Lady Chapel were added. The current kitchen and lavatories were originally a vestry that was added in 1928, and the glass doors were installed in 1991. So – our building has always evolved to meet the needs of the time and of the community.

Nearly £67,000 has so far been raised; £47,500 from donations and grants, £19,000 from fundraising events and the remainder from stalls, sales of merchandise, coin collections and other initiatives from parishioners.

Programme of events

2012

**Wednesday,
15 February**

The BB Band

20 piece big band concert in church.
Entry by donation. 8.00pm

**Saturday,
18 February**

Sponsored Pancake Racing

in the Priory Gardens. 10.30 am.
Refreshments in church. Entry and sponsor forms from Ken and Di Charles.

**Saturday,
17 March**

Shannon Sing Out

by the Potton Barbershop Harmony Club. Entry £8. Donations for U16s. 7.30 pm.

**Sunday,
8 July**

Garden Games and Tea

Details to follow. Tickets to be purchased in advance.

**Friday,
28 September**

Concert by the Cann Twins

in church as part of Royston Arts Festival (tbc by Festival Committee)

Enquiries about any of the above can be addressed to
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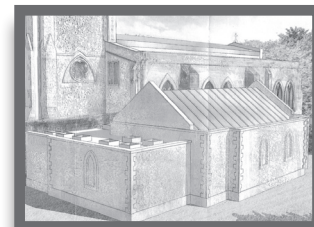
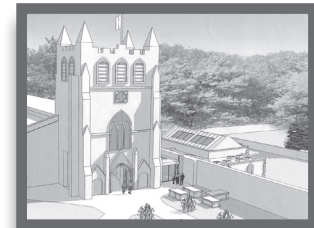
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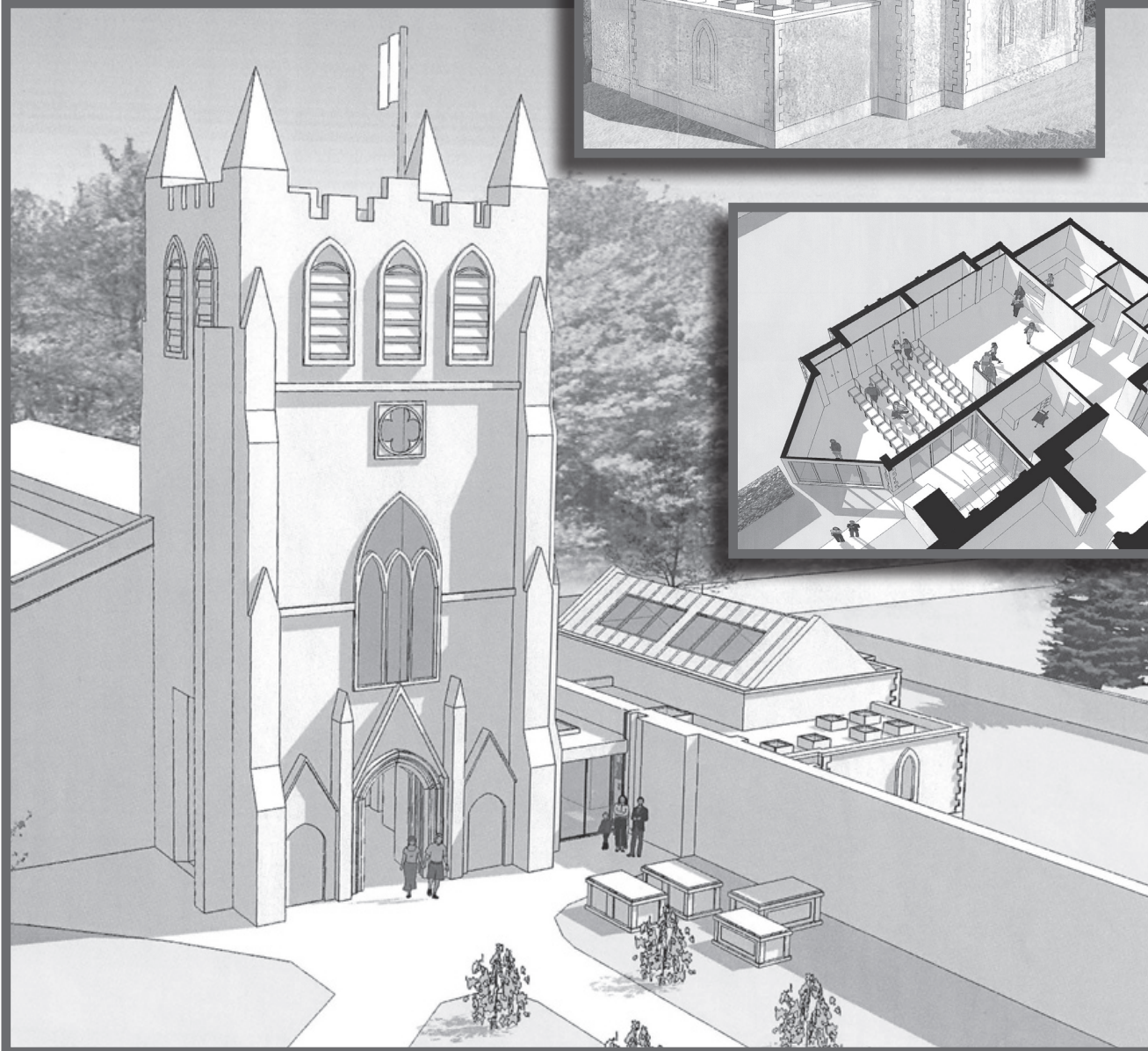
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ROYSTON PARISH CHURCH
cHALLenge

Donation Form

I would like to donate £..... to the cHALLenge project:

- I enclose a cheque payable to Royston PCC cHALLenge
- I would like to donate by bank transfer, so please forward your bank details to me

Title..... Firstname.....

Surname.....

Address.....

..... Post code.....

Gift Aid Declaration

(Enables Royston PCC to reclaim tax paid by you on your donations and increases the value of your donation by 28%.)

I confirm that I am a UK taxpayer and that I wish Royston PCC to treat all donations that I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.

Signed..... Date.....

Please send to:

Mr M Maze FCA
 Hon. Treasurer
 Royston PCC cHALLenge
 16 Shrubbery Grove
 Royston
 SG8 9LJ