



St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster
Roof and Wall Repair Project

The origins of St Mary Magdalene Church reach back nearly a thousand years. The chancel is Saxon from a local convent, altered in the 13th century. The nave arcade is Norman, and the lower part of the tower is 13th century. The north porch is 15th century and the north chapel (or Vestry) is 19th century. The roof of the aisle is medieval and heavily timbered with crown-posts.

Source: historicengland.org.uk

The building is Grade I listed, the highest grading in the national system. It has also been the worshipping home of a Christian community for a thousand years and counting!

Many visitors and regular worshippers comment on the beauty of the building, the peacefulness of the setting and the space it provides for prayer, worship and reflection.

What are the current issues with the building?

Internally the roof over the Nave shows major distortion in the line of the ashlar studding indicating roof spread and slippage.

On investigation the poor condition of the roof triangles at eaves level was noted and the need for urgent repairs recognised. The roof stability is compromised because the direct load path from the roof trusses and rafters to the wall head is incomplete.

Urgent repair works are required not only for the roof timbers but also for the south wall where the external face of the wall

may be moving outwards independently of the inner wall suggesting voiding in the wall. Works are also required to the Chancel, Nave and North Aisle wall plates and eaves and improvements will be made to the tower access and rainwater works.

Where have we got to so far?

The estimated cost of repairs is around £275,000

(The final cost will depend on the contractors' bids)

Of this estimate, Eton College (who have a historic responsibility for the chancel) are providing funding of £65,000

In March 2016, the church received confirmation of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the cost of the project of £137,200. As part of that application the church had also pledged to use the £44,000 held in a reserve fund for building repairs. Additional fundraising to date has also raised nearly £10,000

Can you help?

If the project comes in around the expected cost, we are looking to raise the final £15,000 to £20,000.

We would be delighted if you were able to contribute a gift of any size towards this project.

If you are a UK tax payer, then you can also indicate that you're happy for us to reclaim 'Gift Aid' to have your gift increased by the government at no further cost. Please see overleaf.

Donation Form

I wish to support the repair work to Lyminster Church and enclose the sum of £
(Please make cheques payable to Lyminster Church PCC)

If you are a UK tax payer, please also complete the Gift Aid declaration below.
(The total amount of Gift Aid you make in a year must not exceed your annual tax payment)

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ as a Gift Aid donation for the Repair Project.

Title **Forename(s)**

Surname

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Post Code

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities (including churches) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p for every £1 I give.

Signature

Date

Higher rate tax payers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher tor additional rate tax. If you are higher rate tax payer to claim the additional tax relief include all your Gift Aid donations on your self-assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

If the appeal is over subscribed I agree to the money being used to replenish the building repair fund.

Please return this form with your donation to:

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