

SECURING CROYDON MINSTER FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS:

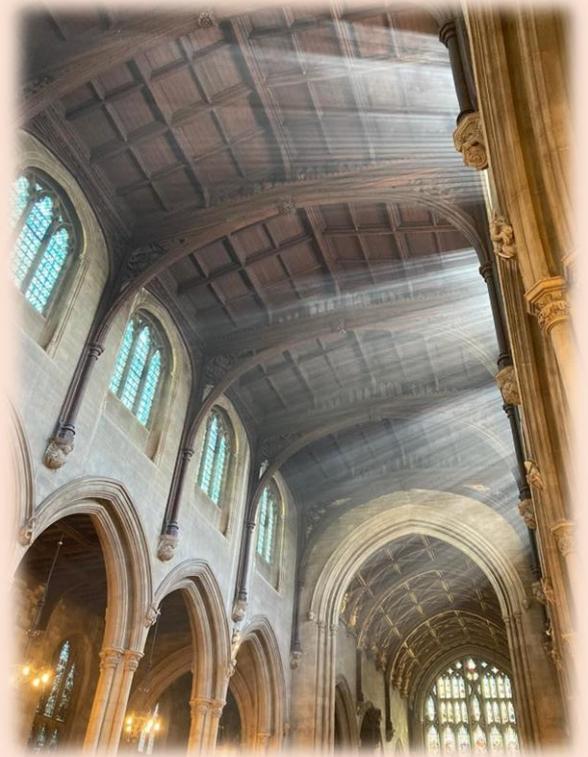
an appeal for support to complete a major project

A VISION FOR CROYDON MINSTER

We believe that Croydon Minster is a church with a living past, a vibrant present and a hope-filled future.

We hope everyone can feel able to be part of the community here – diverse ages and backgrounds – as together we explore the deep meaning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; as people have done here at this ancient and enduring spiritual heart of Croydon for over a thousand years.

Ours is an open church in spirit and practice: everyone is welcome. That's an important value to us. We open ourselves to God in word and sacrament on Sundays, and day by day, enriched by the music of the Anglican choral tradition. We keep the building open during the day as a place where people can come to pray, sit, rest or just ponder and be still.



The Covid-19 pandemic has shown just how vital a role the church has in combatting loneliness, being a beacon of hope and focus of community.

We are honoured to serve the civic life of Croydon and to be the place of many baptisms, weddings, funerals and other occasions for the people of our town.

OUR APPEAL

The current church on this ancient site is 150 years old, although parts of it, including the tower, are centuries older. The most recent architect's inspection identified some key work on the parts of the building where work is needed the most to protect the building and keep it safe.

The current project is repairing stonework on the medieval tower and doing vital work on gutters and downpipes. It is not exciting work but it is fundamental in our care of this precious part of Croydon's heritage, a Grade 1 listed building, for which we get no direct local or national government funding.



Our planning had already begun when we had the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Cultural Recovery Fund (CRF). We were awarded £212,328 of the overall project cost of £265,400. We have also raised a further £10,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation. The terms of the CRF grant meant we had to begin work so as to complete by the end of March 2021.

We are now appealing to our regular congregation and to friends and supporters in and around Croydon, and beyond, to help us raise the last £43,072 to complete the project.

We hope that you will feel moved to make a generous donation to help secure the ongoing future of this precious place.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT AND HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like more information please contact connect@croydonminster.org and arrange to speak to the Priest in Charge, Fr Andrew Bishop, or Churchwarden, Pamela Hall, who can tell you more.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION

To make a donation please make payment to:

The PCC of St John the Baptist, Croydon (Croydon Minster)

Acct Number: 01027042

Sort code: 560046

Ref: Tower Appeal

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