



The WinSpire Project is a community initiative raising

funds to repair the spire and stained glass windows at St Michael and All Angels church in Sandhurst, Berkshire. The church is an important architectural feature and focal point for families of all faiths, beliefs and backgrounds. During 2015, St Michael's church, in its present form, celebrated the 150th anniversary. There is now a challenging and interesting project to carry out important restoration work in preparation for the 800th anniversary of Christian worship on the site in 2020.

Focal point for the whole community The church of St Michael and All Angels is an important focal point for the whole community of Sandhurst and wider area, not just the regular congregation. In addition to major festivals, people come for significant family occasions around Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals. The church yard is also the burial ground for the area. St Michael's is used for concerts, lectures and flower festivals. We are encouraging and welcoming the wider community to engage with us in this project to ensure that the building remains a focal point for future generations.

Multi - pronged approach to fundraising The diverse and multi - faceted approach to fundraising includes a variety of events which includes the wider community of the Sandhurst area. The project is gathering momentum many events have already taken place, including, a Barn Dance, Heritage Open Weekend, Harvest Supper, Cecilia Singers concert and Christmas Tree festival. These have added to our funds, as well as providing fun social events for the whole community. The project also needs the support of significant local organisations in order to qualify for grant funding applicable to buildings of historic and architectural significance. The estimated cost of the repairs is £150,000.

Becoming involved with WinSpire This is a project for the whole community. Updates are included in the St Michaels church magazine and website, St Michael's Facebook page, the Sandhurst Residents Association magazine and the We Love Sandhurst Facebook page. If you are interested in history, architecture, community projects, or can offer some helpful suggestions - then please contact us at the email address below.

Thankyou,

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