Friends of St Cyrs AGM 2022

Dear All

Thank you all for your continuing support for The Friends of St Cyr's Church Stinchcombe.

You are cordially invited to our AGM on **Thursday 17th March 2022 – 7pm –** in the Church and we look forward to seeing as many as possible.

You will have a chance to hear what we have achieved in the past year and about our forthcoming ***Open2All Project*** which starts in the next couple of weeks and our aims for the coming years.

Any nominations for the committee should be sent in writing with a proposer, a seconder and the permission of the nominee, to reach the Chair by the 3rd March 2022

We are grateful for your help in these difficult times as every contribution is valuable to us.

Russell

Russell Legg.

Chair

A prayer for the Open 2 All

project

I was asked by The Rev’d Fiona to write a prayer for the ‘Open to All’ project as we approach the commencement of the work.

The prayer which I have written can be used in its entirety, or broken into a sentence or section. It may be that one particular line resonates with someone, and they may wish to pray that one sentence?

When contemplating prayer, I am reminded of the words of Wilferd Peterson:-

“*Change can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer, because with God all things are possible*“

Wendy Hamilton

A Prayer for the Open 2 All Project

Heavenly Father,

It is with grateful hearts that we give thanks to all who have worked so tirelessly to bring this project to commencement. For generosity, perseverance and belief, expressed by so many.

We remember and give thanks for all those who have held this dream in their hearts, but are sadly no longer here to witness its fruition.

We ask for God’s protection on all who will work on physically creating easy access and space for hospitality.

We pray for patience, understanding, and care to be expressed with humanity to one another during this time of change.

We look forward with hope that St. Cyr’s will provide welcome, strength, and inner peace to all who visit.

May the love of Christ seep into the souls of those who seek comfort.

In this holy place, may there be refreshment, hospitality and healing.

As we create, so we pray in faith, that St. Cyr’s will offer security and witness for generations to come.

We pray that in times of uncertainty in a transient world, here there is permanence.

We give thanks for our beautiful church, loved by so many, now, and through ages past. Let us pray that it is love which radiates from this holy house of God, and truly provides a place of welcome and joy.

It is with hope that we create. It is with faith that we look forward. It is with love that we open St. Cyr’s to all.

Let us pray that it may be so.

Amen

Small Beginnings

Saturday 22nd January:

Have you noticed yet that there have been small beginnings to the Open to All project? A tree has been removed outside church, with planning permission, and a piece of furniture moved inside…all very exciting and thank you to the team who have started. A tree will be planted in lieu too after the disability path has been completed.

Fiona, your excited and grateful Vicar.

Timber!!
No, it's not a coffin…!
Clearing the back of the church in preparation for work to commence.

A New Year's Present for St Cyrs

Open2All

The funding required for the ***'Open2All'*** project has now been achieved. We are now in a position to start the work to provide a disabled access ramp up to the Church door. At the same time as this, a wheelchair lift into the Church, the provision of kitchen and toilet facilities in the South West corner of the Church.

For 5 years the ***Friends of St Cyrs Church*** and the **Parochial Church Council** have been working together on "Open2All". The purpose is to make the Church available for many more groups to use as well as for religious services. The models of the plans have been available to see in the Church over this period.

Over the hurdles

There have been many hurdles to overcome during the planning of the Project. However, finally, we are in a position to commence the build by this coming spring. The facilities

should then be fully open by mid to late Summer 2022.

The Friends and PCC now have obtained

- The Faculty from the Diocese
- Planning and Listed Building Permission for the work
- Permission from Stroud DC Building Control
- Agreement from a Church Conservation Architect.

(The Agreement from The Church Conservation Architect is to confirm that our plans are sufficiently robust so that the Grade 11* nature of the Building will not be compromised by the Project.)

The Costs

The Project is planned to cost £83,038. We reached our funding target for the at the end of November. This now means that we can now commence the build work.

The Friends are providing £18,408. These funds have been raised over the years by Villagers and other attendees to the many events organised by the Friends. In addition the Parochial Church Council have provided £5,535 in funds through giving and organised Church events. So nearly 30% of the cost has been raised through the Parishioners, Villagers and supporters of our Fund Raising activities. We are extremely grateful for the support that has been given.

Donations and Funding

The remainder of the funds of approximately £60,000 has been generously given by donations, grants and pledges of funds through various Charitable Trusts and organisations that support our type of Project.

The Charities supporting the project are:

- ***Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust***

- ***All Churches Trust***
- ***Garfield Weston Foundation***
- ***Renishaw Charities Committee***
- ***Congregational and General Charitable Trust***
- ***National Churches Trust***

Thank you to all in the village who have supported the Friends and the Parochial Church Council with Donations

So, most of the hard work is now done and we look forward to welcoming everybody to the launch of our finished Project in a few months time.

The Friends of St Cyrs Church Stinchcombe & The Parochial Church Council

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Stinchcombe Village Calendar 2022

Funds for St Cyr's Church

The PCC is delighted to have produced a Stinchcombe Village Calendar for 2022 for you to buy, reflecting certain local aspects, some of the photographic talent from the village and a way to generate funds for St Cyr's Church.

A copy of the 2022 Calendar can be seen in the porch at St Cyr's church, but copies of the Calendar can be purchased from Pippa Leggate at Church Farm, Wendy Hamilton at Manor Farm, Cherry Brown at the Old Post Office and other members of the PCC.

*The **cost of the Calendar is £10.00 and all proceeds go to St Cyr's Church**.*

A Gift for Christmas

Named Individual recognition has not been given to all those who contributed, but we would like to express sincere thanks to everyone who assisted with this project in aid of the church.

We hope you will enjoy the Calendar throughout the next year and that it will be a provide welcome gift for Christmas.

Ride and Stride 2021 – The Result

A Fantastic result

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Stinchcombe and friends and acquaintances we smashed our target of £800. Instead we raised over £1000 towards the Historic Churches Trust in Gloucestershire.

Ride + Stride is the single largest source of income for many Historic Churches Trusts enabling them to make Grants to places of Christian worship. Taking place on the 2nd Saturday of September every year the funds raised are split between the Trust and St Cyrs.

If you would like to take part for all or just some of the time next year contact *Andy Hamilton*.

Further Information

- ***Ride and Stride org***
- ***Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust***

For more picture follow the link in the route!

Ride+Stride for churches – Sept. 2021

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" Event

On Saturday 11th September 2021 it will be the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust ***"Ride and Stride"*** event.

Andy Hamilton, Phil Joynson, Paul Creamer and Richard Bartlam, will once again be cycling on behalf of ***St Cyr's.*** The route this year can be found ***HERE***. Starting from Street farm and will involve loads of churches, 90km, hills and dales, but coming back to St Cyr's during the afternoon.

They will be visiting as many churches as they can along the way, – so please encourage them with your generous sponsorship!

You can pledge your sponsorship at the "justgiving" website (search on the ***justgiving website*** for "St Cyr Stinchcombe") or use this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stcyrstinchcombe

or **complete the form at the back of St Cyr's Church**.

Thank you for your support and generosity. This Charity provides valuable funds and expertise to maintain all our amazing Churches in the county, and 50% of all funds raised will be directly returned to St Cyr.



Some churches are pretty



And some churches are smaller

Help! It would be nice to have other cyclists with us as I struggle to keep up with Andy! – Richard