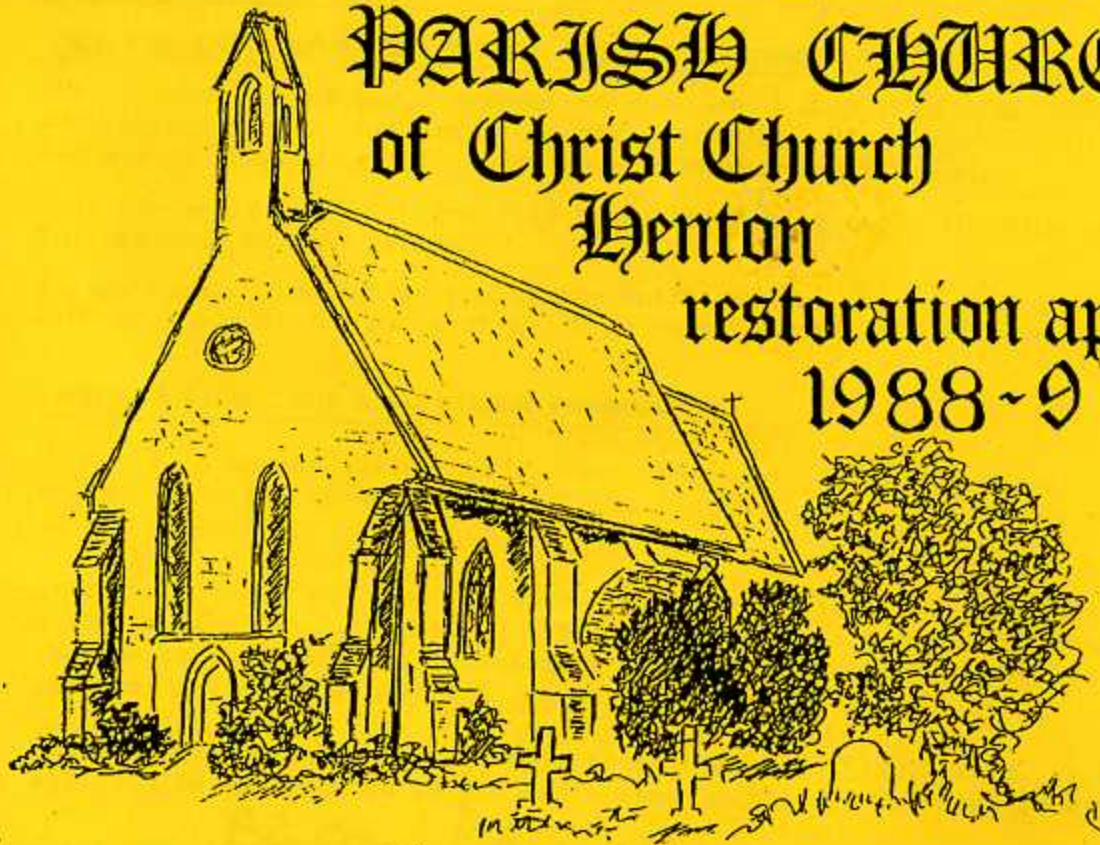


PARISH CHURCH  
of Christ Church  
Henton

restoration appeal  
1988-9



CHRIST CHURCH HENTON RESTORATION APPEAL

FROM THE RIGHT REVD JOHN WALLER, ASSISTANT BISHOP

When I receive an appeal I expect to know why I should be asked to give, how much is needed and what resources are available. This brochure gives clear and direct answers to each question and deserves to be read.

Your target is realistic and will be achieved by a quick thankful and thoughtful response by many people.

I look forward to meeting you at the Buffet Supper which will, I expect, be a kind of thanksgiving party at which we thank God for all He gives to us.

FROM THE VICAR, THE REVD BINDON PLOWMAN

+ John Waller

Henton is a parish which has changed remarkably in recent years; yet, in the midst of the upheaval our village church remains a focus for the life of the community.

It reminds those who live or work here or pass along the road that God is a reality in the 20th century. The church acts as a place of worship for the increasing number of parishioners who attend the Sunday services and it provides a venue for meetings, concerts and exhibitions.

Now, Christ Church needs your help to maintain its triple role. Please will you be as generous as you can - remembering all you have received.

Thank you

Bindon Plowman.

### OUR PROBLEM

There was a chapel in Henton hundreds of years ago; the present church was built in 1847 of stone from Yarley Hill. Since then it has been cared for by the generosity and talents of many parishioners without any major expenditure.

In 1934 an inspection of the roof revealed that a lot of the iron nails holding slates in position were rusting through; the PCC was warned then that 'something would have to be done about the roof soon'!

Now, 50 years later, numerous slates have slipped and have been put back by the kindness of a local builder but the ravages of time and winter storms have taken their toll; the whole roof has now to be stripped and felted and the slates rehung or replaced by new.

Damp has penetrated the walls in some places; this means much of the stonework will have to be re-pointed.

The church bell was taken down a few years ago leaving an unsightly gap; the bell-cote had become unsafe. Many folk would like to see it rehung at the same time as the roof is attended to.

Although the PCC, by good house-keeping, has been saving money towards the very costly repair bill - about £30,000 all told - it is obviously beyond the scope of the present small but growing church family.

THE WORK TO BE DONE AND ITS COST

1. MAIN ROOF AND CHANCEL	
Removing old slates and ridge tiles; cleaning and treating timbers; felting and battening; re-slating, allowing for replacements; dealing with all lead-work.....	£15166
2. THE BELL	
Overhauling bell; renew bearings; rehangng bell.....	£1175
3. RE-POINTING	
All required areas with matching cement.....	£1667
4. RENEW GUTTERS.....	£500
5. PORCH AND VESTRY ROOFS	
Similar treatment.....	(approximately) £2327
6. REDECORATION AND NECESSARY PAINTING	
Including redecorating church interior.....	(approximately) £986
7. Scaffolding, ladders, builders' requirements.....	£1918
8. Water supply.....	(approximately) £423
9. Architects fees, all VAT, interest on loans.....	£5874
GRAND TOTAL SUM REQUIRED.....	£30036

No of Cov. gifts reqd.	Monthly amount	Annual amount	Total (each Covenant over 4 years)	Tax Recd (Aprx)	Gross Value for each inc. recovered tax	Grand Total
*1	£20	240	960	307	1267	1267
2	15	180	720	230	950	1900
5	10	120	480	153	633	3165
10	8	96	384	122	506	5060
20	5	60	240	76	316	6320
25	4	48	192	61	253	6325
63	Gifts at the above levels will achieve					£24,037

\*Represents one simple meal out a week.

**WHAT DO I DO NOW?**

+Complete the Covenant Form - someone will help you if necessary - and have it witnessed.

+If you have a Bank Account, complete the Bankers' Order Form.

If not, let the Treasurer know how you want to pay.

Send or hand in the completed form(s) and/or cheque to the PCC Treasurer,  
Mrs Betty Ashenden, Farthings, Bleadney. Tel Wells 72217

+(Cheques and forms should be made out to "HENTON CHURCH PCC".)