

St Lawrence Church Whitwell



Patronage Scheme

Invest today for the future of St Lawrence
and protect our heritage

What is the Patronage Scheme?

This is an opportunity for everyone in Whitwell and beyond to keep St Lawrence church alive and open within the village for the use and appreciation of everyone. Even if you don't attend church hopefully you will agree that St Lawrence Church is an important (and beautiful!) landmark which has been, and will continue to be, there for you and your family for baptisms, weddings, funerals and other special occasions.

We are asking for your financial help to support the practical, ongoing costs of running and maintaining the building to avoid it falling into disrepair. The church has stood on the site since the 12th century and has seen many generations of Whitwellians come and go. The Patronage Scheme will be a way for the present generation to maintain the church for future generations.

Why is St Lawrence Church launching this scheme now?

This church is an historic Grade 1 listed building which has all the characteristics of Norman architecture, plus a Saxon Font and is home to the tomb of Sir Roger Manners. Restoration costs by specialists are very high, as indeed are the day to day running costs for the church. Income received through regular giving and special services (weddings, funerals, baptisms) simply isn't keeping pace with today's increasing costs. (see list opposite).

We are appealing to all who value our church and who want to keep it OPEN to support the Patronage Scheme.

Who is the Patronage Scheme for?

Anybody and everybody who wishes to see St Lawrence Church here as a well maintained, warm and welcoming building, serving its village community for many generations to come, in whatever way is special to you.

What does being a Patron mean?

You choose your special date and offer to 'buy' that date. Your payment will cover the running costs for your special day. The current costs to run the church building is £30 per day. You may also wish to buy that date for future years to ensure it is remembered.

How can I be a Patron for this day?

Simple! Just choose one day out of 365 when you wish to remember a loved one, a birthday, a wedding, baptism, a family occasion or other special event in your life.

What do I receive by being a Patron?

- Your name will be placed in the Patrons' Book in church, opened at the current month and showing the date and occasion you are commemorating
- The knowledge that *your* Patronage will make a big difference and that you are doing something really worthwhile to keep St Lawrence Church open for future generations
- A yearly commemorative certificate as a thank you

The cost of keeping St Lawrence open throughout 2018

Electricity	£1,226
Heating	£2,914
Insurance	£2,935
Maintenance	£1,475
Cleaning	£2,036
Total	£10,586

The above shows the main areas of expenditure that we are faced with in supporting the building and keeping it open.

All the funds contributed to the Patronage Scheme are only used to support the overall maintenance and day to day running costs of St Lawrence Church building.

**For more information about the Patronage Scheme please contact:
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Your Name

Your Address

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Postcode Email

Your Patronage Date(s)

Reason for your Patronage

I enclose my Patronage contribution of £30 for the year 10th August 2018 to 9th August 2019. Costs to run the church building will increase yearly. The current cost to run the church building is £30 per day. I wish to continue my contribution annually (delete if not appropriate).

Please make your cheque payable to **Whitwell with Steetley PCC**

Do you want to Gift-Aid your contribution? (the church can receive 25p per £1 donated)

I want St Lawrence Church to reclaim tax on this donation. I am a UK tax payer and I note I must have paid an amount of tax which at least equals the tax deducted from this donation.

Signed Date

***Thank you very much for being a Patron of
St Lawrence Church, Whitwell***