

RAISING THE ROOF

Holy trinity Stapleton roof appeal

We are delighted to report the successful completion of our Roof Appeal, which was launched at the end of January 2015 and officially declared closed on 31 December 2020. The total received up to 30 June 2021, including gift aid and interest, was **£277,426**.

In his 2014 Quinquennial Report, our architect had listed as urgent the repair of the slate roofs and lead gutters of our Church, which is listed Grade II* and was completed in 1857. The work was done in phases: the Tower parapet gutter in 2016, the South Aisle in 2017,



the Nave in 2019 and the North Aisle, Chancel & Vestries in 2021/22. We are grateful to our Architects, Quentin Alder and John Malaiperuman, and our contractors, Mogford Prescott Limited, for their hard work and help in achieving this result.

In addition to the repairs, insulation has been added to improve the heating of the interior, and the completion of the work has given us a watertight and better insulated building, remedied the defects identified in the 2014 Quinquennial Report and will enable us to reorder the interior of the Church for the benefit of our congregation and the local community.

The total cost, including fees and VAT, will be **£325,323**.

The total VAT will be **£54,082**; we have recovered £52,243 of this under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, and expect to recover the remainder.

The net cost, excluding VAT, will therefore be **£271,241**.

Any surplus in the Appeal Fund, and donations received after 31 December 2020, will be added to the Fabric Fund for major repairs and improvements to the Church.

We are grateful for grants totalling £103,350 received from Allchurches Trust, Bristol Archdeaconry Charity, ChurchCare (the Wolfson Foundation), Gloucester Historic Churches Trust, National Churches Trust, Temple Ecclesiastical Charity, and the Garfield Weston Foundation.

Locally, we are grateful to the Society of Merchant Venturers, Colston's School, Colston's Parent Society, the Old Colstonian Society, Begbrook Community Association and St Anne's Eastville PCC.

Above all we are grateful to the many members of our congregation and local residents who have supported the Appeal with donations and by organising and/or participating in fundraising events. We received £96,000 from individuals and £27,900 in bequests and legacies. Our Sponsor-a-Slate Appeal raised £16,000 and other fundraising £30,400.