

St. Peter's
BOXTED
community
access
APPEAL



**SUNDAY
SCHOOL**



CONCERTS



**DISABLED
ACCESS**



**REFRESHMENT
FACILITIES**



WC



**YOUTH
WORK**



MEETINGS



The Chancel ceiling was designed and painted by Howell & Bellion in 1999.

ST PETER'S BOXTED COMMUNITY ACCESS APPEAL

When Edwin, Lord of Boxted, organised the building of a small Christian church in 1008, he would never have imagined that it would still be the heart of a vibrant church community one thousand years later. St Peter's today is Boxted's most notable landmark, described by Pevsner in his celebrated chronicle of Britain's buildings: "The whole in its variety of textures happens to look extremely lovely".

St. Peter's is not just a building but a flourishing church community with a growing congregation, music and youth activities and community outreach initiatives. These include the imminent appointment of a youth worker to bring together the young of Boxted and Langham and the launch of the "Good Neighbours" community care scheme.

THE PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS.

The last ten years have seen significant improvements to the Church. These have been possible as a result of both generous donations from individuals living in Boxted and of numerous fundraising activities supported not just by the people of Boxted but by others coming from far and wide.

The aim of this appeal is to raise funds to complete the programme of improvements. This will enable more effective access and use of the structure by both the church and the wider Boxted communities. These improvements comprise the provision of disabled access, toilet and refreshment facilities, an activities space within the tower and the relocation of the vestry to a new first floor in the tower. St. Peter's will then be able to reclaim its role as a focus of community life in Boxted, including concerts, gatherings of community special interest groups, youth work and community care activities.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Our architects estimate that the cost of the proposed improvements will be in the region of £90,000. The St. Peter's Boxted Community Access Appeal hopes to raise these funds over a period of two years from March 2009 by accessing all available grants, organising a series of community fundraising events and seeking individual donations.

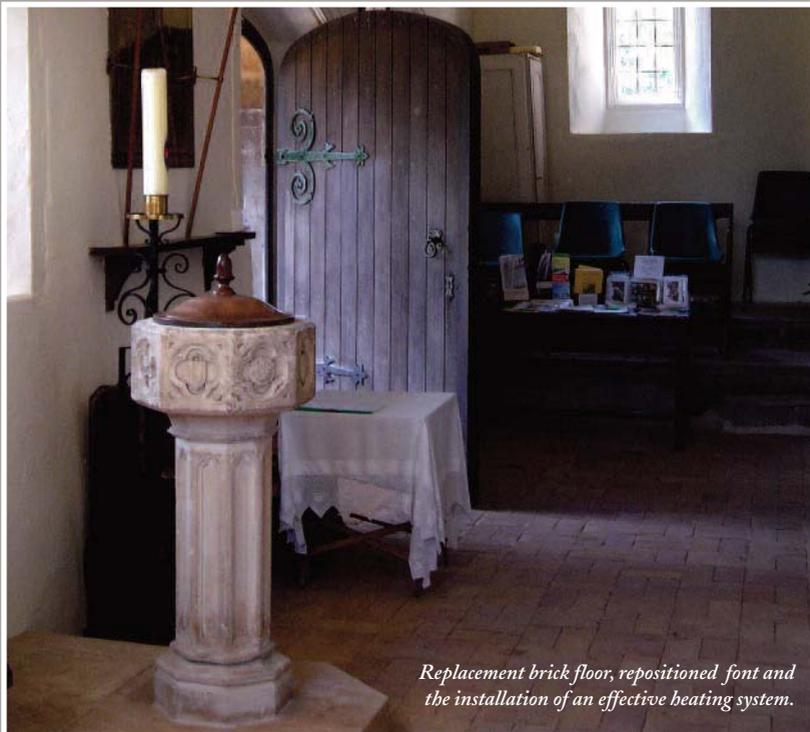
HOW CAN I HELP?

If you would like to assist in the Appeal activities, offer a donation towards the Appeal or simply have more information about the Appeal please contact the Appeal Secretary of any or the other members of the Appeal Steering Group whose names are given in this leaflet.

We look forward to working together to set St Peter's on its path to another thousand years at the centre of our community.



One of the two notice boards for Church and community activities.



Replacement brick floor, repositioned font and the installation of an effective heating system.

PAST IMPROVEMENTS

Over the centuries much has been done to enlarge, improve and maintain the original church structure which was begun by the Saxons but completed by the Normans between 1090 and 1130 AD. During the last ten years the list of improvements over and above the basic maintenance of the structure is impressive and includes:

- In 1999 the painting of the Chancel ceiling by Howell & Bellion of Saffron Walden.
- In 2005 the replacement of the brick floor, the re-building of the Chancel step so as to create a dais projecting into the nave and the restoration of the Reredos.
- In 2005 the installation of an effective heating system and a new and complete electricity circuit.
- In 2007 the erection of a flagpole on the tower.
- In 2007 and 2008 the installation of two hand crafted notice boards.
- In 2008 the re-casting of one cracked bell, (originally by Thomas Mears of London in 1812: the other bell having been originally cast by Thomas Gardiner of Sudbury in 1714) and the re-hanging of the bells to chime both manually and electronically.
- In 2008 the installation of a sound reinforcement system.
- In 2008 the re-laying of the gravel access path.

FUTURE PLANS

The Parochial Church Council has recently commissioned architects to draw up plans in order to complete the programme including the provision of:

- Disabled access.
- WC.
- Refreshment facilities.
- An activities space in the tower.
- Relocating the vestry into a new first floor to be built within the tower.

For more information about the Appeal please contact the Appeal Secretary or any of the other members of the Appeal Steering Group whose names are given below:

Robin Budenberg, Tim Bull, Anthony Corin, Jasper Hunt, Hugh Large, Jonathan Minter, Joscelyn Renouf and Stephen Whybrow (Appeal Secretary). Please e-mail stephen.whybrow@msn.com or write to St. Peter's Church, Boxted, Colchester CO4 5SU.



*The Revd Dr Tim Bull with Lord Bishop of Chelmsford
The Rt Revd John Gladwin outside St Peter's for the
blessing of the reconditioned bells in September 2008.*



The Reredos restored.

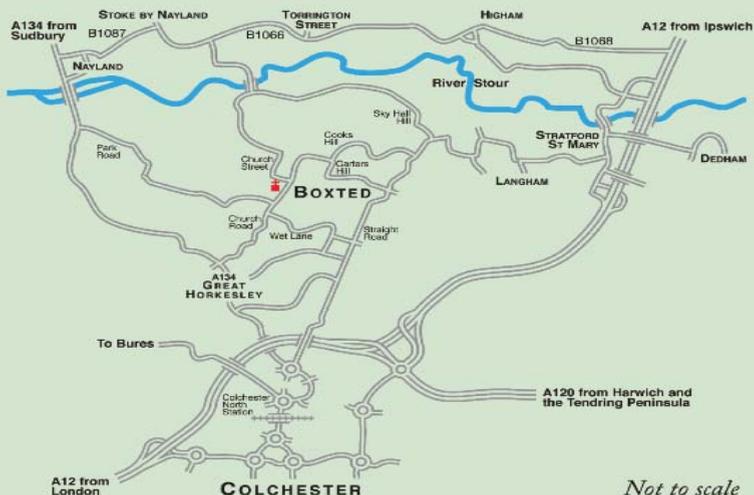


The new gravel path to the porch of St Peter's



Fitting the re-cast bell into the tower of St Peter's.

HOW TO GET TO BOXTED (5 MILES NORTH OF COLCHESTER)



The St Peter's Boxted Community Access Appeal is designed to provide improvements to St Peter's that will enable more effective access and use of the structure by the church and the wider Boxted communities. For further information please e-mail stephen.whybrow@msn.com or write to St. Peter's Church, Boxted, Colchester C04 5SU.

