

The existing building was started in the 12th century with additions and major refurbishment in the 19th century; it is grade 2 listed. More recently the back of the church has been altered to provide improved social facilities: a small meeting room, kitchen, lavatory and wash basin to disabled standards. The maintenance of such a large and old building is costly and it is not widely known that parish churches have to be largely self-sufficient financially. That is one reason why we have suggested forming “St Peter’s in the Community”.

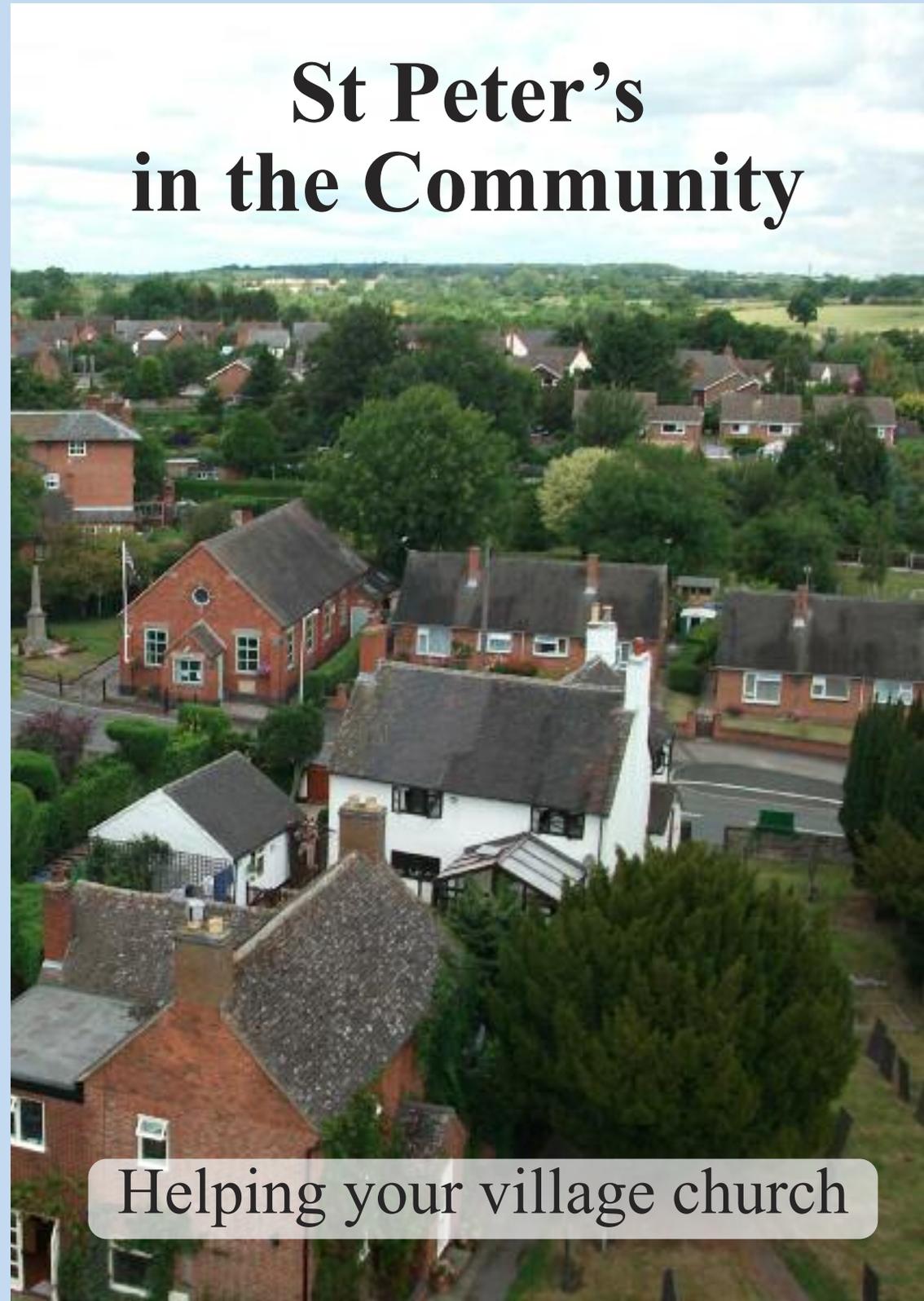


The building already hosts a variety of non-religious activities such as concerts, talks, informal chat and support. We believe that these could be expanded. Some of the expansion might bring donations or generate income for the fund (although this is not the prime purpose), but equally

exciting is the opportunity to provide more community facilities and activities for the wider Yoxall community.

Comments:

St Peter's in the Community



Helping your village church

There must be many of us in the village who, though not regular worshippers, value St Peter's at the heart of the village and would not wish either the building or many of its functions to disappear. No village can now assume that their church will survive with only the efforts of its congregation. With that in mind, some of us have been thinking how members of our wider community could help St Peter's, the village and maybe, in due course, even themselves. The formation of a Friends group could achieve this. Its general aim would be to support the church building and those functions of the church which are important to the village as a whole. The proposal has the full support of the Parochial Church Council who will naturally have the final decision on subject issues.

We had originally considered the name "Friends of St Peter's" but realised the school is already helped by an organisation with this name, which might be confusing. Then it occurred to us that the name "St Peter's in the Community" gave additional possibilities. And so that was what we decided.



We would like to hold a launch event early in 2017. However, in the interim, this leaflet is to inform and to seek ideas, queries, suggestions or even criticisms of the proposal.

Please let us have your views: if you give us your name and contact details, we would like to respond and to keep you fully up-to-date as the plan unfolds.



Send us your name, address, telephone and email details together with any comments:

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or on the slip below to Colin Reisner, The Old School House, Morrey Lane, DE138ND
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