

A photograph of St John the Baptist Church in Kingston Lisle. The church features a prominent stone tower with a dark, conical roof topped by a cross. The main body of the church is light-colored stone. In the foreground, there are two large, rounded, green hedges. The background is filled with lush green trees under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The text is overlaid in yellow.

St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle

£400,000 Restoration Project

2013-2016

How to begin?

- Cover the running costs first
- Get the right architect on board
- Take the long view
- Galvanise the community
- Keep your control group small
- Set the pace



Before – exterior (1)



Before – exterior (2)



Before – interior (1)



Before – interior (2)



Involve the community

St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 21st September



10am: Family Communion

12.30pm: "Bring and Share" Lunch in the Village Hall

Join us with a plate of food and a bottle and bear the latest on the progress of the church repairs and restoration

St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle



Sponsor a Pipe!

Sunday 26 June 2-4pm

Have your name engraved on one or more of the 1,200 pipes in our new organ – the final stage of our restoration

with a recital by Joe Barber

for further information please call 01235 751552



St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle

Restoration Events



Sign a tile for the church roof

Saturday 14 November
2-4pm

Please join us at the church between 2pm and 4pm on Saturday 14th November to sign the underside of the new stone tiles for the porch roof. We will provide marker pens. If you haven't yet sponsored a tile, please email serena.sissons@gmail.com or call 01367 820581 - or just turn up on the day.

If you can't make it on the 14th, just let us know the wording you'd like and we'll sign your tiles for you accordingly.

For more information about the ongoing £400,000 restoration of the church please contact angus.scarf@btinternet.com or on 01235 751552

The money's out there

- Do your research
- Tell a story
- Sell it with soundbites
- Polish the commas
- Address it right
- Make a connection



**The Church of
St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle
Restoration Project**



Vision

To carry out urgent repairs to the roof, timbers and walls of our 12th Century church to safeguard the building's structure for generations to come

To renovate the interior to improve the church as a place of worship for our growing congregation, increase its suitability for other activities and enhance its position as the centre of our village

To provide a newly inspirational place to visit from near and far

June 2014

Acknowledge and communicate

- Write a proper letter
- Keep the updates coming
- Make them part of it
- Spread the word
- Build the excitement
- Develop the brand



St John the Baptist Kingston Lisle

Restoration Update



The story so far

Our 12th Century church has been put on English Heritage's "Heritage At Risk" register and we are undertaking a full restoration. Beginning with urgent repairs to the roof, timbers and walls, we are putting in new heating and lighting, conserving the 14th Century wall paintings, redecorating the interior, improving the seating layout and installing a new organ. We aim to be finished in time for Christmas. The restoration will safeguard the building's structure for generations to come, transform it for our growing congregation and other visitors from near and far, and enhance its position at the centre of our community.

We have been awarded grants by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the National Churches Trust, the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust, ChurchCare, the Alchurches Trust, the Adrian Swire Charitable Trust, the Alan Evans Memorial Trust, the Garfield Weston Foundation, the Idlewild Trust, the Tanner Trust, the Veneziana Fund, the William and Jane Morris Fund and the Wollson Foundation (administered by ChurchCare). Adding donations and pledges within the village, Gift Aid and the proceeds from concerts, a quiz evening and a literary event to celebrate the bicentenary of Waterloo, we have raised 99 per cent of our target of £315,000.

News

With all the approvals for the project finalised in July, work has begun at last. Timings are tight but we're still aiming to reopen in time for our Family Communion at 10am on Christmas Day.

Sponsor a tile

If you would like to name tiles on the new porch roof (for yourself, family or friends) for a suggested donation of £5 per tile, please contact serena.somers@gmail.com or on 01367 820581.

More information

Please contact our churchwarden at angus.saer@btinternet.com or on 01235 751552.



During (1)



During (2)



As you go along

- Stay on top of the paperwork
- Create detailed accounts and records
- Keep all stakeholders involved
- Maintain the momentum
- Go the extra mile
- Enjoy the process!



After – exterior



After – interior



Welcome back!





**Angus Saer – Churchwarden
September 2016**