

Funding Success Stories

St Gregory and St Martin – Wye – Re-ordering including underfloor heating and new pews



Before



During



After



When we started our re-ordering and heating project in earnest, we applied for grants, sold the old pews, asked for sponsors of new, and organised other various events. Many individuals were incredibly generous, as were our 'Friends of Wye Church' group. We also received a £20,000 legacy and made a claim for VAT under the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. We are very grateful to the Diocesan Stewardship and Funding department, who helped us enormously with the whole process of applying for external grants. This included suggesting funders whose criteria we met and helping us prepare applications. In the end we received £22,000 in external grants.

St Martin's Maidstone – Quinquennial works to the roof and rainwater goods

We needed to raise £50,000 for church repairs, from the start we kept the *fun-in* fundraising. Everyone became very creative and we ate, danced, knitted, walked, swam and applied for grants until the money was raised. We were very grateful to the support of local businesses and organizations as well as our local primary schools. Without them we would not have completed our fundraising so quickly. We appreciated the help of the Stewardship and Funding department who guided us throughout the process so patiently, and encouraged us all the way to completion.

St Stephen's Lympne – internal roof repairs



Before



After

St Stephen, Lympne, raised £52,000 for repairs to the roof of the nave. The Stewardship and Funding department provided calm and sensible advice, including potential sources of grants, how to write a strong funding proposal and checked applications before submission. We successfully applied for £33,300 from funding charities. The rest was raised from insurance and the local community. I would strongly advise any church faced with a fundraising need to consult the Stewardship and Fundraising team – The knowledge and support of Stewardship and funding team is invaluable.