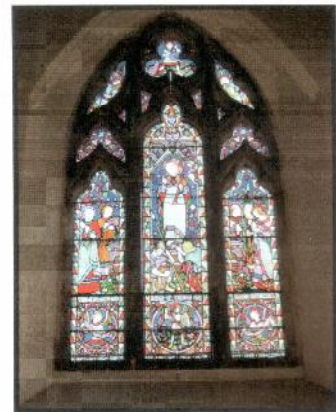
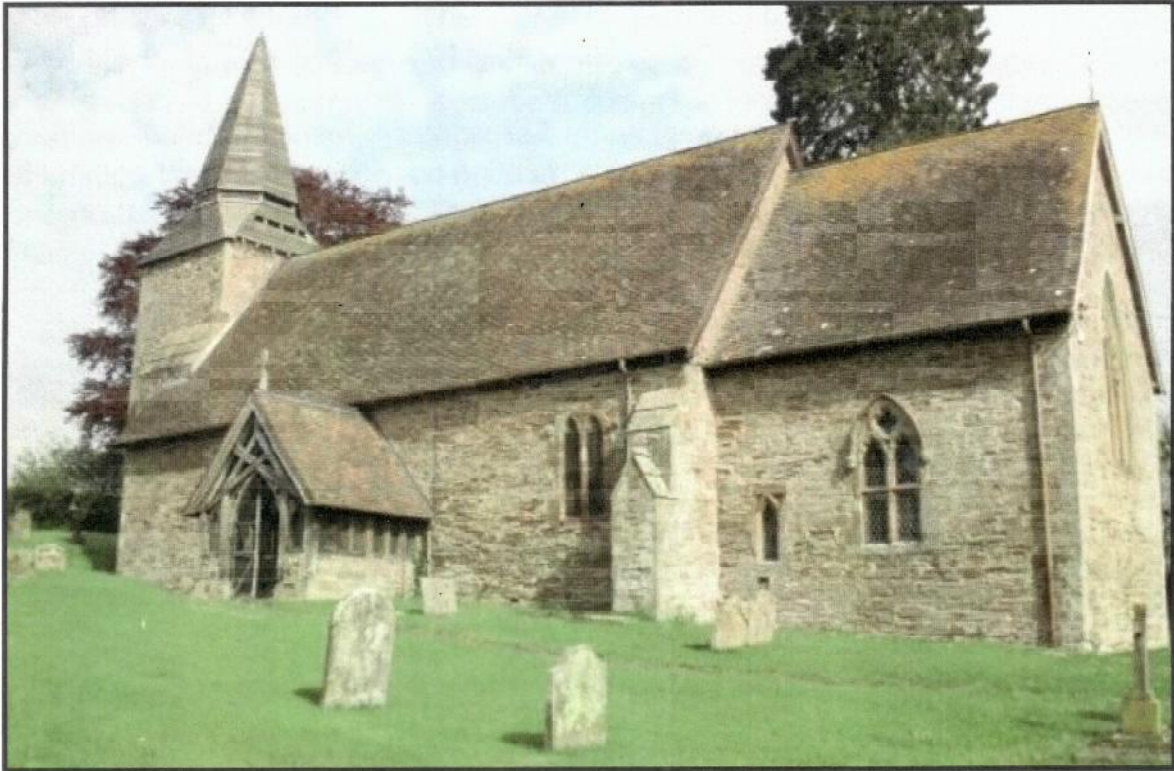


ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH
UPPER SAPEY, HEREFORDSHIRE WR6 6XR

**An Appeal for the Restoration of this beautiful
rural church building and the creation of a
Friendship Room for use by the whole community**



Mission Statement

To repair the church and provide a warm, comfortable meeting room, offering space for all kinds of educational and enjoyable activities including self-help courses for anxiety sufferers, Keep Fit, crafts, talks, a library, socialising, coffee mornings, toddler groups etc, for fun and friendship for the entire community, both young and old.

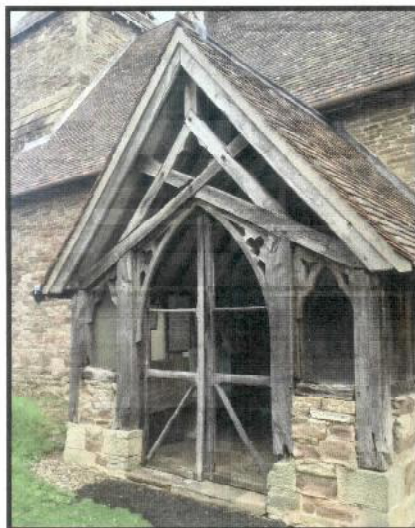
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH - THE GREAT RESCUE

- * St Michael's Church sits in the heart of our village in a beautiful hillside setting.
- * It dates back to the 13th century and is Grade II* listed but it has recently been put on the 'at risk' register by English Heritage as it requires urgent repairs.
- * Particular features of this Church are the magnificent Norman arches which are unexpected in a village church.
- * It has a 13th Century font and an attractive Victorian timber-framed porch.
- * Local carpenters made the bier and some of the pews.
- * John Addenbrooke was Rector here for 43 years in the 19th Century, and his nephew, who worshipped here many times, founded the world renowned Addenbrooke's Teaching Hospital in Cambridge.

This Church was once the centre of the community. Following the response to our regular coffee mornings; It is quite clear that there is a need for a meeting place for church and community use with an accessible toilet and kitchenette. However, it doesn't take much to see that urgent repairs are necessary to keep this church building in a fit state to serve future generations.

In particular, urgent work is needed on:-

- Stonework repairs and re-pointing, and tying external walls to cross walls.
- Repairs to oak frame members and new doors to porch
- Repairs to windows including new stone mullions and cills
- Repairs to spire boarding and providing new floors within the tower
- Repairing and making safe boiler house access
- Repairs to floor over boiler house, tiled floors, and timber pew platforms
- Repairs to panelling around altar.
- Repairs to plastering; re-decoration



THE FRIENDSHIP ROOM

The people of Upper Sapey could benefit greatly from community facilities in the centre of the village. In particular, we see an increasing need in our society for caring and support in activities, to foster a sense of belonging.

So, the plan is for a double project; to repair and redecorate the church, and to adapt it for community use by installing a self-contained room which we are calling the 'Friendship Room'. This will be inside the church (see plan below).

We envisage the room with its toilet and kitchenette being used for a wide variety of interesting regular events such as coffee mornings, clubs & societies, talks and lectures, study groups, craft workshops, library etc; the list is only limited by our imagination!

Please let us know what you would like by filling in our questionnaire.

