

Upper Sapey Church - what's happening?

- Building work has started to repair...
 - » Stonework & pointing; porch timberwork; windows & mullions; church spire; church floor and boiler-house beneath; pews & their platforms; chancel panelling; plasterwork; lighting & heating; general decorating. (An incomplete list!)
 - ...and develop the church to provide...
 - » A community space inside the church for all of us to use - the Friendship Room - where gatherings of all sorts can take place, but with particular focus on support for those suffering anxiety issues - an area poorly served by state provision
 - » It will be a double-glazed room within the church, comfortably furnished, with economical underfloor heating, an accessible WC, and tea/coffee facilities that could be used for all sorts of activities, meetings, clubs etc.
- Suggestions welcome!

- The church will be out of action for about eight months while the work is in progress, but our regular monthly services will be held nearby in Courtyard Cottage (near to The Old Rectory) or by joining with **St. James', Tedstone Delamere (HR7 4PS) on Easter Day at 11am.**
- This is all this costing about £312,000 for the repairs and the new Friendship Room, paid for mainly by grants from bodies such as the Heritage Lottery Fund, National Churches Trust, Hereford Historic Churches Trust - the list is long and growing. But also from local fundraising. Already about £27,000 has been raised from local supporters, but there is still a long way to go.
- Coffee mornings are still EVERY SATURDAY somewhere in the village 11 - noon (look out for signs) and our Project Manager David Roberts continues to seek out potential new sources of grants.
- <http://www.whitbourne.org.uk/files/USRescue.shtml>

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