



FAWLTY TOWER IS FAULTY NO MORE!

The Fawlty Tower project is coming to an end; the repairs and improvements have been successfully completed, and our village church is ready to be used again.

The Tower and its roof has been repaired and made stable, the weather vane restored and a lightning conductor installed. The Chancel and Nave buttresses have been repaired, and inside the addition of a disabled toilet, kitchenette, new lighting and sound equipment.

None of this could have happened without a significant grant generously provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and additional grants from the Norfolk Round Tower Society, Norfolk Churches Trust, All Churches Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, and the Wolfson Foundation, also the support from the congregation and local people.

Regular Sunday services will continue and the church will be available for Baptisms, Weddings, Renewal of Vows, and Funerals. As the church of Welborne village, it is for use by all of us and the recent improvements to the church mean that it can be used for an increased range of activities, events, functions.

The improved church and the village hall provide great public places for us to meet. Both places have an important role in making Welborne an interesting place to live. The church will never be as cosy and comfortable as the village hall, but it does offer a space for larger events that need to seat more people. The church also has great acoustics for musical events. So please get in touch

to discuss what would you like to see happen there, and what events would you like to hold there?

Some Dates for your diary

Book Sale

11th August 2018, 10.00 am-3.30 pm

3rd Annual Book Sale Saturday plus tasty homemade refreshments.

Learn about historic building repair techniques

6th & 7th , 14th & 15th July 2018, 11.00 am-4.00 pm

Sign up for training sessions to learn the skills necessary to care for our historic churches, and other local historic buildings. These will be informal hands-on learnings sessions in July (6&7 July, 14&15 July), led by expert conservation professionals. We will cover the use of lime mortars, renders, plasters, and paints for repair of existing built structures.

No prior knowledge or skills are required, only an interest in learning about traditional repair techniques for historic buildings. The more sessions you are able to attend, the more you can learn (further follow on workshops will be planned for the autumn).

Please contact Richard Took (rjt1940@icloud.com), or Dean Sully (d.sully@ucl.ac.uk) to find out more and to sign up for the sessions.

Dedication Service

16th September 2018

On display in the church there will be the research on the names on the War Memorial and a record of the burials in the church yard. A new church guide will be available plus a braille version. Two walking leaflets and copies of 'A Village of No Importance' a history of Welborne and its inhabitants.

Photographs taken during the repairs and some artefacts found in the walls of the tower will form part of our display.