

key facts

It is a myth that the Church of England is wealthy. We no longer have historic resources to pay for the many demands we face, including the church ministry and upkeep of buildings.

Hartest sits within the four parishes that make up the Glem Valley Benefice. In recent years our parish and the benefice have fallen well short of being able to pay our costs. We have been told that when our Rector retires he may not be replaced. This will bring an end to hundreds of years of ministry in this village.

Our church is ancient and the costs of repair and maintenance are high. In the past we have been able to claim VAT back for repairs but this scheme is at risk of being cut.

It is only through generous, regular giving that we will be able to maintain our Christian tradition in this beautiful building and continue to serve our community.

thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet and consider giving to your lovely parish church. We do appreciate the support we already receive from the residents of Hartest but hope that you will realise that we urgently need more help if we are to continue with our services to this community.

If there are any questions you would like to ask regarding our work or about giving to the church then please do not hesitate to contact:

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Secretary and Fundraiser.
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ALL SAINTS CHURCH HARTEST



An invitation to
support your local
parish church

your church

All Saints Hartest is a 14th Century Grade 1 listed building. It is both beautiful and full of historic interest.

There is a small group of people that worship at Hartest and bear the financial responsibility for the building and the work that is carried out in the community.

As a church we offer the following:

- ❖ Visits to the sick
- ❖ Support for the bereaved
- ❖ Care for those in need
- ❖ Regular services for worshippers
- ❖ Work with Hartest Church of England Primary School

We also provide services at significant points in peoples' lives such as:

- ❖ Christenings
- ❖ Weddings
- ❖ Funerals

And at special times of the year:

- ❖ Harvest
- ❖ Remembrance Day
- ❖ Christmas
- ❖ Easter

the challenge

All Saints Church in Hartest needs around **£425 per week** to sustain the church building, clergy, worship and community work. A small group of volunteers and regular worshippers give generously and undertake fund raising activities, and The Friends of Hartest Church raise money for maintenance and restoration. **But there is still a large gap between our income and our outgoings.** If we do not manage to start paying our bills very soon then the consequences will be:

- ❖ Our minister will be given more parishes to look after, which means sharing him across an even larger area
- ❖ When our minister retires he is unlikely to be replaced
- ❖ The school will lose the support of the Church and ministry
- ❖ Our church building will not be maintained
- ❖ In the long term we may have to make our church building redundant

If every household in Hartest gave £1 a week, the church would be able to balance its books!

can you help?

We rely entirely on the generosity of a small group of worshippers and The Friends of Hartest Church.

We receive no financial support from any other organisation, including the central Church of England. **We rely completely on voluntary donations.**

Could you help us to close the gap between our income and expenditure to give our parish church a viable future?

We would welcome a one-off donation of any size at any time. Or you may feel able to promise a regular gift – monthly, quarterly or annually. Or you may feel able to make a bequest in your will.

Cash or cheques (made payable to Hartest and Boxted Parochial Church Council) can be put into the donation box in the church or given to any PCC member. To join our Standing Order scheme please complete the enclosed form or use the details on it to set up a standing order via internet banking. If you are a taxpayer we can claim at least 20% more if you sign the Gift Aid form enclosed.

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

THE HARTEST AND BOXTED PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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(Your bank name and address)

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send it to our Gift Aid Secretary Jane Ackroyd at
October House, Lawshall Road, Hartest, IP29
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