

St. Peter's Church, Alstonefield, Staffordshire

Installation of Toilet – Request for Support

The parish church of St. Peter, Alstonefield is a large and beautiful grade 1-listed building that has been at the centre of village life for a thousand years. In addition to holding regular services the Parochial Church Council attracts visitors to the church by hosting a wide variety of artistic and cultural events and encouraging tours of its fascinating history.

To enhance the facilities for visitors and to comply with recent legislation the PCC would now like to install a fully accessible toilet within the church.

A few years ago mains water was installed and a simple kitchen built, where parishioners and visitors can enjoy light refreshments. Now, after careful consideration of several options, the PCC plans to extend the water supply into the South Porch of the church and install within the fabric of that Porch a self-contained toilet room. This toilet will be constructed to full disabled access specifications. To avoid disturbing any ground in the churchyard, the waste from the toilet and basin will be pumped into a holding tank within the Porch and pumped out periodically. The whole works have been designed to have minimum effect on the historic fabric of the church.

These works have been designed by the official Church Architect Chris Hesketh, and approved by Lichfield Diocese through the issue of a Faculty (the ecclesiastical equivalent of planning permission). The PCC has invited bids from local contractors and has selected the successful bidders, who are now ready to start the work.

The total budget for the whole work is just over £20,000. The majority of the funds needed have been raised by the PCC and the small community of Alstonefield through funds raised by the Leadenboot Challenge, events and refreshments at last year's Ann Green Festival, and from individual donations and legacies; a big thank you to all who have contributed. We have received an interest-free loan to cover the shortfall whilst we continue to fundraise so that works can commence.

If you, or your company or employer, would like to sponsor a specific item these are some of the costs:

The toilet, basin, four handles and fittings as a complete set	£1100
The holding tank, pipework and macerator	£1500
A baby-changing unit	£ 250
The marmoleum floor covering	£ 250
The wheelchair ramp	£ 600
Mirror	£ 40
Plaster	£ 50
Pot of paint	£ 20

Donations, small or large, would be very welcome.

Please write a cheque to Alstonefield PCC and give to Martin Wilding, The Treasurer, at Chapel Cottage, Alstonefield DE6 2FY.

For further information please call Carrie Osborne on 01335 310453.

Thank you.

