

CHURCH TEAM WINS £196k LOTTERY GRANT

Great Chishill DCC, which is responsible for the care of St Swithun's church, is delighted to announce they have been awarded National Lottery support to carry out urgent repairs to the church tower with an award of £196,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Made possible by National Lottery players, the grant will enable urgent repair work on the tower.

A Stage 1 HLF Grant was awarded in March 2016, and detailed investigations into the cause(s) of water penetration were carried out. This problem has plagued the tower over decades, and has damaged the historic fabric internally and externally, including the mediaeval tower arch, which is crumbling quite badly. The experts identified several contributing factors, and the repairs proposed include raking out the tower flint work on all elevations, re-pointing with hot lime mortar, consolidating the fabric, improving water shedding from the tower, removing internal plaster and providing better ventilation to help the tower dry out. In this project we also have been given funding to install basic facilities, an accessible toilet in the tower together with a water supply and drainage. This wonderful and much loved building will then be more useful to the wider community for meetings and events. The total cost is estimated at £276,000 with contributions of £196,000 from HLF, £30,000 from our appeal fund, and the remainder from the VAT recovery scheme. We hope the work will be able to start sometime towards the end of August.

St Swithun's is the focal point of Great Chishill and an important example of an intact medieval parish church, whose history is strongly linked to that of the village. The church is grade II* listed, reflecting the significance of its architecture and heritage. The tower has suffered various mishaps over the years; it was damaged (affecting the roof and floor under the bells) in the disastrous fire of 1798, when 80 per cent of the village was destroyed. The tower began to crumble badly in 1884 and the top fell off in 1891. It was rebuilt in 1896-7 at a cost of £865, but without the original spire. Many of you have given so generously of your time and money towards the restoration appeal and I would like to thank you all for your tireless efforts, without you this would not have been possible. Now we really

can say that we are "saving our village icon for future generations". We want to continue improving facilities and carry out other repair work, so look forward to participating in more exciting events and activities.

For further information please contact Ro Gadian, member of Great Chishill DCC, on 01763 837075
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About the Heritage Lottery Fund Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife.
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LOTTERY FUNDED

**GREAT CHISHILL
SUMMER FETE**

AN AFTERNOON OF
FUN & GAMES FOR ALL AGES

SATURDAY 15TH JULY
2 - 5PM
GREAT CHISHILL PLAYING FIELDS

TEAS TOMBOLA BOUNCY CASTLE BBQ
GAMES RIDES ICE CREAMS ...AND LOTS MORE
3PM DOG SHOW
4PM TUG-O-WAR
4.30PM RAFFLE

To get involved or find out more contact
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URC News

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to everybody who has supported us over the past 6 months. It has been fantastic to see a least one new face at each of our services. There are no services in July and August. Our next service will be on Sunday 3rd September.

The Silver Surfers are taking a break from their studies after an enjoyable season! We are so grateful to Guy and Kathy for giving their time so generously as instructors. The Cafe will re open in September.

Thank you all, Friends of the Windmill

The Windmill Trust launched its 'Sponsor a Board' initiative just a month ago and it is turning into a wonderful success. We are almost halfway to the target and work will be able start with the erection of scaffolding on 4 July. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. We have arranged that those who sponsor a whole board can have their names inscribed, not only in a book, but actually on the board so that, when future generations look inside, they can see that a group of committed supporters saved the mill for all to see.

There is still time to join that group of saviours – just email Hazel at hrhandmai@btinternet.com or call 838254 – we'd be delighted with any contribution that you feel you can make. We are now working on a celebratory weekend, hopefully with a supper and music on Saturday and a picnic on Sunday. Please mark your diaries for September 23/24 and we will publish details very soon.

NEW RECTOR TO TAKE OFFICE IN JULY.... Anand Sodadasi and

his wife Shailaja come from Andhra Pradesh, South India, where they trained theologically and worked for 12 years as full time ministers. Anand was ordained as a priest in his Indian diocese in 2001 and both taught in a theological college for 5 years, training the ordinands. Anand came to Oxford in 2004 to do a Ph.D and the family joined him soon after. He worked as a House for Duty Priest in the Diocese of Oxford, while the children Stephen and Serena completed secondary schooling. Then they moved to the Borderlink Parishes, Hereford where Anand has been Rector for 7 years. Shailaja trained as a dispenser and worked in a pharmacy, while volunteering in the chaplaincy department of Hereford Hospital before being licensed as a Reader for the Borderlink Parishes. Stephen and Serina are now working in London, and very involved in their church there. Says Anand: "The Lord has been very faithful to us in our journey together. As a family, we are now very much looking forward to joining you all in July. Many thanks to all members who warmly welcomed us and provided hospitality during our interviews and showed us the school and lovely churches of the Icknield Way". (picture below)



..... AND A BISHOP CALLS IN FOR TEA

Bishop Roger Morris (pictured above at St Swithun's) walked from East to West across the Episcopal Area ending at Great Chishill where he was welcomed with afternoon tea! £203 was raised for his charities.

INVITATION

You are invited to attend the licensing service for our new Rector, Reverend Dr Anand Sodadasi on Wednesday 26th July 2017 at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Chrishall.

SKYLARK

Presents an evening of popular early 20th Century music

Including music from Hoagy Carmichael, Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, Kurt Weill and others

22 JULY AT 7.30

ST SWITHUN'S

Fully licensed bar and raffle

Tickets £10 available from Angus Gent 838941 angusgent@gmail.com

This is a fund-raising event held in aid of the St Swithun's Church restoration fund. It's our turn now to save our village icon for future generations.



Great Chishill CC

June started well with a fantastic win over local rivals Royston and a crushing victory over Fordham, however a disappointing result at the hands of Saffron Walden knocked spirits somewhat. A highlight was the President awarding his grandson, Henry, his club cap before making his debut for the club against Royston. The Vice Presidents and Family Day was a lovely day, finished off with a wonderful win and BBQ. Thank you for supporting the club.

July fixtures.

We are on our travels for the first 3 weeks of July

- 1st ~ Ely ~ Away
- 8th ~ Royston ~ Away
- 15th ~ Cottenham ~ Away
- 22nd ~ Wilburton ~ Home
- 29th ~ Horseheath ~ Home

It is always lovely to see you supporting GCCC.!

Women's Institute

18 July 7.30pm

Summer Meeting in Phyllis's Garden

Bring a plate of food to share
Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353

From Harriet:

Thank you everyone for buying my tomato plants. I have made lots of money for my chosen charities. I hope you enjoy eating your tomatoes.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 5 July, from 2:10 pm until 2:40 pm at the Church.

BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
July	4	11
	18	25