

## **Project Type:** Repairs: ceiling plaster, roof, masonry and glazing

**Project Title:** Urgent Repairs to the Church Building

**Location:** All Saints and St Andrew's, Kingston

**Aims:** To complete urgent repairs needed to remove the church from the Heritage at Risk Register

**Total Cost:** £135,000 (excl VAT)

### **Funding Sources:**

- Local fund-raising events and donations - £45,000
- Thalia WB Community Fund - £57,000
- Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust - £3000
- Garfield Weston - £8000
- The National Churches Trust - £5000
- Wolfson Foundation – £5000
- Benefact Trust - £3000
- Prince of Wales Charitable Trust (now the King Charles III Charitable Trust) - £3000
- Jack Patston Trust - £3000
- Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme – eligible VAT

**Project Duration:** 2017 - 2023



### **Brief Overview**

Kingston's parish church is a Grade I Listed Building, noted for its nationally important series of wall paintings, dating from the late C13 to the late C17. In 2017 part of the nave ceiling collapsed and the roof of the south aisle began to leak. The ceiling was pronounced unsafe and the church had to close. A temporary 'crash deck' of scaffold boards was installed to restore access, this was donated by a parishioner in order that a family wedding could proceed. An application was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund but it was unsuccessful.

The church was placed on the Heritage at Risk Register in 2020. There followed four years of fundraising by the PCC to carry out urgent repairs. £45,000 was raised locally, a remarkable effort for a small village of only 80 households. In 2023, the church was closed for about 5 months during the repairs which comprised:

- new nave ceiling and redecoration
- re-roofing of the south aisle with Burwell peg tiles
- masonry and glazing repairs to the clerestory windows
- gutters and downpipes cleaned and repainted.

In December the church re-opened with a celebration event attended by more than 50 parishioners along with representatives of the charities sponsoring the repairs.

**Top Tip:** Keep going - it takes longer than you think, but it is worth it in the end.

**Website:** [Papworth Team Ministry](#)