



FUNDRAISING



Generations of Aynho villagers have supported the Church over the centuries – historically funded and rebuilt by the Cartwright family of Aynhoe Park for the last few hundred years but all the work done by skilled craftsmen and labourers from the village. The cleaning, maintenance and care, as usual, all was, and is being, done by their women folk.

We are lucky to have such a fine quality church as St Michael's at the heart of the village – still in very good condition – and with a future if this and next generations carrying on in support and care!

Why do we need to Fundraise?

The Church building costs a fairly standard amount for running it and for maintaining – normal stuff from heating and lighting costs, a few improvements and looking after the furnishings

Every now and again there is a one off cost – repair to the boiler, fixing the gutter or a leak in the roof

Every 25 years it needs to be repainted (once a generation); every 4 generations it needs a major roof repair)

The churchyard needs to be maintained too so burials can occur and so that it is safe environment for visits to family graves

To pay our village share towards the cost of having a Rector, provided by the Church of England - to conduct services, baptisms, weddings and funerals – and help individuals and families when times are tough.

All of this has a price tag – and the bills have to be paid.

Simply put, St Michael's Church is not a business and does not sell its services. The income has to come from fundraising – parishioners giving in church through the collection plate or the BACS equivalent, other gifts, donations and legacies, and events (such as the Fete and concerts). Villagers who do not contribute via the collection plate often give in all sorts of other ways – some with their skill, some with their time, and some with their financial generosity. All of these gifts are appreciated and allow the Church to be looked after for the current generation and preserved for the future.