

St Michael and All Angels Tower Fund Raising and Appeal

The tower friends continue to raise funds for the repairs needed at St Michael and All Angels. So far, the friends have raised £65,000 towards the repairs. They have challenged themselves to reach £70,000 before the end of the year. Although edging towards their target, they still need help if they are to achieve this.

The events that the friends have organised in 2018 and have planned for 2019 are varied and exciting.

Here are just a few of what has been put on for the local community, friends, families and visitors from afar in 2018:

Table Top Sales at the Village Hall

Easter Raffle with the draw being held in the church

HM Royal Marines Band and Alcester Male Voice Choir in concert at the Chateau Impney

Opera Worcester performing at St Michael and All Angels

Business Breakfast served in the church

Peter Hartley in concert during the Bromsgrove Festival

Barn Dance again at the Village Hall

So what next? There is an exciting programme of events planned in November and December. They are:

For King and Country

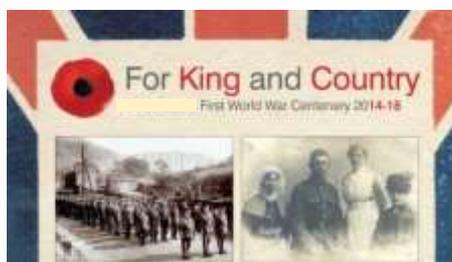
Saturday 10th November

St Michael and All Angels, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior

3 - 4.30pm

Tickets £10.00

Please contact Cathy Stokes on 01527 577069 or email castokes15@hotmail.com



This will be an afternoon of music hall entertainment, as a tribute to those from our village who gave their lives in the First World War. The tribute is for the young men who gave them today for our tomorrow. There will be songs, dances, sketches and a light 1918 style afternoon tea.

Dog handling and Behaviour Talk

Friday 16th November

St Michael and All Angels, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior

6.30 - 8pm

Tickets £15.00

Please contact Helen Gerard on 07749 348742 or email hello@naturallyclevercanines.co.uk



An evening to understand your dog and to learn skills for successful dog training. The talk and demonstration are being given by canine behaviourist, Helen Gerard and Vet Nurse, Morag Moseley. Light refreshments will be available and you will have the opportunity to have a go on a very unique raffle!

Business Breakfast

23rd November

St Michael and All Angels, Hanbury Road Stoke Prior

7.30 - 9am

Tickets £20.00

Please contact Mark Jones on 07801 237975 or email TowerFundBreakfast@gmail.com



This will be the friends third breakfast to raise funds for the tower. They are always well supported with a local business each time sponsoring the morning. A full English is served with all the trimmings. As always, a vegetarian option is on the menu. The breakfast is a great way for businesses in Stoke Prior and wider to network. Professional caterers look after the guests ensuring that all leave having enjoyed the start of their day.

Christmas Tree Festival

2nd December 2018 - 5th January 2019

St Michael and All Angels
Church
Stoke Prior



St Mary de Wyche
Church
Wychbold

Both churches will be full of beautifully decorated Christmas Trees. The trees will have been supplied and decorated by local community groups & businesses. The Services when the lights will be switched on will be:

2nd December
Service of Light at St. Michael and All Angels, Stoke Prior 6pm
Advent Sunday at St. Mary de Wyche, Wychbold 10.30am

The churches will be open every day 10am to 4pm. Special open days throughout December when we will be serving tea, cake and biscuits are:

St. Michael and All Angels, Stoke Prior
10am to 4pm
Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th
Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th
Sunday 23rd

St. Mary de Wyche, Wychbold
Sunday 9th 12noon to 4pm
Saturday 15th 11am to 4pm
Friday 21st 11am to 4pm



This is new for 2018! At both churches there will be the opportunity to vote for your favourite tree. Prizes will be awarded to the top three. Entrance is free. Donations at Stoke Prior for the Church Tower Fund and at Wychbold for the Appeal Fund will be welcomed. The friends are thankful to Parish Councillor, Jill Howe for the idea and for looking after all the arrangements. Look out for the Parish Council tree! The wedding couple getting married at St Michael and All Angels on 22nd December are so looking forward to their wedding being during the festival.

In November the tower friends will learn if their application for Heritage Lottery funding has been approved. The tower friends have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the tower repair and are already planning the 2019 events. If you or no anyone that can help us grow the fund account, please let us know. As always, they appreciate any help that can be given.

Donations can be made to the tower fund by sending a cheque to Gary Stokes, 15 Bredon Road, Bromsgrove Worcestershire B61 7HD. Cheques should be made out to "SP Tower Fund". Alternatively, you can make a donation by BACS. Please ring Gary on 01527 577069 for the information on how to do this. If you are a Tax payer then you can Gift Aid your donation. In doing so, the tower friends can claim to the HMRC for the tax element of your donation. To do this write to be gifted aided on the reverse of your cheque along with the first line of your address and post code. The tower friends will do the rest. Alternatively, you can go online to donate. Please open the following hyperlink to go directly to our Crowdfunding page. Take a look at St Michael and All Angels as you have never seen before!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/vincent-beynon?utm_term=aPKGbB8P4

Let the repairs begin



From the kind donations received since the fund raising began, the tower friends have started repairs to prevent damage to the internal structure of the spire and to protect to the ancient bells.

Over 150 cedar wood shingles have been replaced.

The bell chamber has been cleaned out with decades of bird guano being removed.

Remember the tower friends hope to raise £70,000 by the end of the year.2018. The total amount needed to £250,000. Please let's help them to save any further deterioration of St Michael and All Angels.