

## **Halstock Church Organ**

The Parish Council requested further information in regard to providing funding for the Halstock Church organ.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has provided an assurance over the long-term future of the Church. In line with other local churches in the diocese, including Sherborne Abbey, they do not have a 10-Year Plan. However, every 5 years the PCC must provide a quinquennial report which covers the complete church fabric.

Recommendations for works have been included in that report. They have instructed an architect to produce a specification of works and a quantity surveyor to estimate those costs. It will then be put out to tender to be completed by local builders. There is a lot to do including making the roof sound. The PCC and the Friends of the Church have sufficient funds to complete urgent repairs to the roof, but they will need to match fund with grants or raise the balance for the remainder. The church remains fit for purpose and there is also a plan to include a small kitchen and toilet facilities.

There is a clear need for fundraising to help take the Church forward. One major activity will be concerts and other musical events held in the Church. This will require a working organ. The support of the Parish Council in helping to secure the completion of Phase 1, (service, clean and treat infestation, and minor repair to two pipes), would enable this fundraising work to proceed.

A donation from the PC would be gratefully received.

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