

## St Peter's Church – Hanwell



### Update News 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Following the circular round the village, there were nearly 50 people at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June in the church. The general feeling was that this was a very positive response and we have had many offers of support.

We are now planning a follow up meeting on MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY ( 7.30 pm at the church) to convert those offers of support into concrete action. This means matching the offers from villagers, who have volunteered to help, to tasks and activities so as to keep the church running as a key part of our village heritage. On the finance front, we are running a deficit. If we get regular giving, with the use of Gift Aid, we can increase our income by 25p for every £1.00 given.

The tasks fall into 4 areas: Maintenance, admin/finance, events and church Services. Please let us know which tasks you can help with.

- Maintenance:
  - Church cleaning and flowers – it has been suggested that this should be a once a month blitz by a small team. This has worked well in Alkerton and is now a regular social event
  - Churchyard Graves and Trees – ensuring graves are neat (no dead flowers) as well flowerbed, hedges and small trees kept trim.
  - 5 yearly (Quinquennial) inspection – liaise with diocese and inspecting architects
  - General Maintenance – put rubbish bins out, lighting, security cameras, flying the flag etc.
  - Security – locking the door at night and opening in the morning
  - Annual Church clean
  
- Admin/ finance
  - Gift Aid – have volunteer(s) responsible for encouraging regular giving to church funds
  - Insurance – manage annual insurance contract
  - Electricity Supply – read meter, update annual contract
  - Mailing List – keep an updated mailing list to keep the village informed

- Events
  - In the Church (or the village at large) - we need volunteers to organise, promote, market and run money raising and social events
  - Events in the church and the wider community. E.g. Barn Dance, Village lunch or BBQ, or a quiz evening
  - Publicity – prepare, copy and distribute circulars
  - Marketing / Promotion of events
- Church Services
  - Preparing the church before routine services
  - Special services
  - Organise light refreshments after special services

**Let us know how you can help**

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St Peters is a community asset. It needs your support and help

Thank you

Notes:

- If you have had a leaflet through your letterbox and would like to be added to the email circulation, please email me at [giles.dessain@btinternet.com](mailto:giles.dessain@btinternet.com)