



# NEWSLETTER

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The Friends of St Ruan and  
St Grade Historic Church Buildings  
Registered Charity No. 1164632

## IT'S ALL ABOUT GRADE!



## WE ARE READY TO FUND RAISE!

The surveys have been done

The contractors have quoted

We need to raise £350,000

Can you help us?

# EXCITING REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

We are ready to raise funds for this exciting project which will include the following works:

- Scaffold access around the whole church including full scaffold cover to the tower.
- Strip the existing roof covering and all the lead work to the main church
- Re-roof the church and replace the lead work
- Install gutters, down pipes and new soakaways to the church
- Rake out the mortar joints across the external elevations of the church and tower
- Re-point the church and the tower.
- Internal plastering and decoration works

We are now in a position to start fundraising for the restoration of St Grade Church. Scott & Co are Building Surveyors with particular experience in dealing with historic buildings including churches. They will be managing the project when it starts and have already been invaluable in getting us to this point.

All preliminary steps have now taken place including a full structural survey, a survey to assess the effects on wildlife including bats and owls and an asbestos survey.

A faculty has been received from the Diocese. This is a permissive right to undertake works to a church building or its contents.

We have a detailed specification of the work to be carried out and five tenders have been received. These are now being considered by Scott & Co who will advise us on the way forward. A contract cannot be entered into the work until all funds have been raised.

We will be applying for grants to assist with the renovation costs however we also need to fund raise ourselves. Many organisations providing grants rely on 'matched funding'. This means they will award funds on the basis that we can raise the same amount which is why fund raising is urgent.

Due to the restrictions on gatherings with Covid it is not possible to hold social events for fund raising purposes but we are not standing still.

We have updated our website in preparation for our Appeal so do visit it at:

**[www.friendsofstruanandstgrade.co.uk](http://www.friendsofstruanandstgrade.co.uk)**

We are also planning a scheme to

## **BUY A SLATE.**

The Buy A Slate scheme will be a brilliant and affordable way for anyone interested in preserving this special building to get involved.

We are hoping to offer a Sign-A-Slate option which is a special and unique opportunity to sign your name, write a message, draw a picture or remember a loved one on the back of one of the new slates. Further details of where you can do this will be announced as soon as the slates arrive on site.

If you want to take part in this but cannot visit to write a slate in-person, no problem! You will be able to complete a Sign-A-Slate form and write your message which will be scribed onto a slate for you. This scheme is not active yet but will be ready soon.

We will keep you informed of the plans going forward and pandemic permitting hope to be holding fundraising events in the future. However we would welcome any individual or corporate donations and also any offers of help or advice would also be appreciated.

Specific donations for the Restoration Project can be made through:

- Our Just Giving Account which can be accessed through our website or by searching on Just Giving 'The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade'
- PayPal through our website [www.friendsofstruanandstgrade.co.uk](http://www.friendsofstruanandstgrade.co.uk)
- Internet or Telephone Banking:  
Account No: 84322222/Sort Code: 09-01-28  
Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4GB.
- Cheques can be made payable to:  
The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade Historic Church Buildings and sent to  
Brian Jenkins, Glenhurst, Ruan Minor, TR12 7JN

***Any donations that can be gift aided will make a huge difference***

Another way you can help is to encourage more Friends for annual membership and there is a subscription form overleaf with our Membership Secretary's details

***This is a very exciting and rewarding project  
We can't wait to be able to restore and preserve this  
special Grade 1 Listed church building for all to enjoy  
for many years to come.***

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Registered Charity No. 1164632

Name.....

Address .....

..... Post Code .....

Tel ..... Email.....

## **Please mark appropriate membership.**

Single Membership (£10) ..... Joint Membership (£15) .....

Family Membership (£25) ..... Life Membership (£250) ).....

If you would like to make a Donation please indicate amount:

£50..... £100..... £250..... £500..... Other amount £.....

♦ Gift Aid - for UK tax payers only

I wish the friends to reclaim the tax on my donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

♦ Please indicate if joint gift aid, HMRC accept one signature

Please make cheques to The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade Historic Church Buildings.

Payment can be made to Account No: 84322222

Sort Code: 09-01-28 Santander, Bridle Road, Bootle, L30 4GB

***Standing Order forms are available on request.***

Our website accepts membership payments by PayPal:

[www.friendsofstruanandstgrade.co.uk](http://www.friendsofstruanandstgrade.co.uk)

Signed..... Dated .....

Please send to The Membership Secretary, The Friends of St Ruan and St Grade Historic Church Buildings, Glenhurst, Ruan Minor, Helston, TR12 7JN.

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