



The Conservation Trust for St Laurence, Ludlow
Charity No 1114678

ELECTRONIC UPDATE – NO. 6

Trustees are still receiving positive comments regarding the Conservation Weekend in May, which raised just under £9,000 towards the cost of repairing the stained glass in St Laurence's. The Conservation Trust has pledged a total of £10,500 towards Phase 2 of these repairs, and we thought Palmers and supporters would like to see a breakdown of all the work the Trust has agreed to fund during 2011. Please note that the sums shown below are 'approximate', and may come in at slightly over or under the estimated totals.

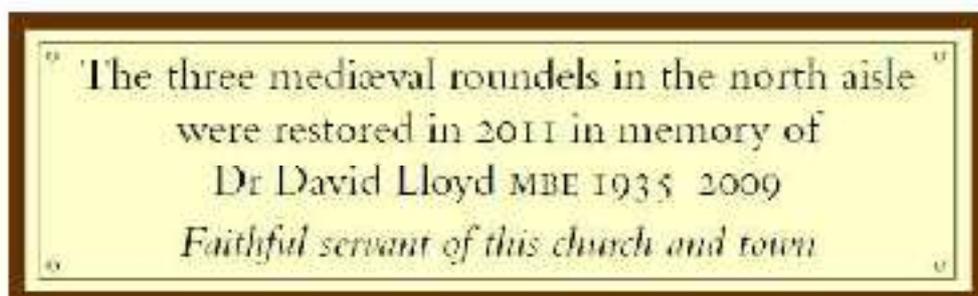
PROPOSED WORK FUNDED BY THE CONSERVATION TRUST IN 2011		
Repairs to masonry west door	£ 2,500	
Defrass tower masonry	£ 3,500	
Stained glass repairs Phase 2	£10,500	
Parvis Room ceiling	£5,500	
Monument repairs	£6,500	
Repair cracks in high altar reredos	£2,500	
Paintings' conservation	£8,500	
Roped access system	£8,200	
Leak south aisle	£3,500	
Repair leak north aisle	£2,500	
*Conservation of medieval roundels	£5,500	
*Covered by The David Lloyd Memorial Appeal (£9000)	Total Pledged	£68,700



One of Phase 2 repairs to stained glass: total cost £10,500 Repairs needed for Parvis Room Ceiling: £5,500.00

THE DAVID LLOYD MEMORIAL APPEAL

The David Lloyd Memorial Appeal was launched last year with the intention of restoring the medieval roundels in the North Aisle as a tribute to David and his immense contribution to St Laurence's over the years. The faculty to undertake the work and erect a commemorative plaque has now been granted, and it is hoped to start the project in October. The following wording has been approved.



“It was originally planned to remove the roundels this June”, explained Trustee Rosemary Wood. “But in order to conserve the glass more effectively, it is going to be isothermally glazed. Two weeks ago, our church architect, Andrew Arroll, met with a stained glass conservator to consider whether we remove just the medieval roundels contained within their medieval bronze rings, or whether the whole of the roundel, its surrounding Victorian glass and subsequent 20th-century cement is also removed. We are awaiting expert opinion as to which method is most appropriate!”

“Whilst the Appeal has brought in sufficient funds to cover the estimated cost of the work, we are aware that the final expenditure may be more than originally thought”, said Trust Chairman, Bill Lloyd-Kitchen. “But on the assumption that some money will be available, we will liaise with the Fabric Committee of the PCC, to ascertain what other essential work needs attention, and then circulate our findings, before suggesting how the financial residue could be spent”.

“For instance, the chancel reredos is in need of urgent attention. Some sections need repointing and repainting, and the final effect should be stunning, when the original gilding has been transformed to its former glory through cleaning.” Bill continued, “This could be a suitable project to be implemented in David’s memory, as could remedying the deterioration to the ceiling of the Parvis Room. Both the reredos and the Parvis Room were special to David, and we welcome suggestions regarding the possible allocation of funds to these and other projects/areas within the church.”

RECENT NEWS

- The Street Collection, organised by Dr Jen Davies on Saturday 18 June, raised £410. Our thanks to Jen and her band of willing volunteers – your hard work is much appreciated!
- 45 enthusiasts joined Trustee Andrew Pike on his Church Walks at Culmington and Leintwardine, resulting in a donation for our host churches, £131 for the Conservation Trust, and two enjoyable social events for the walkers. Thanks to Andrew, for creating the walks and sharing your knowledge.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

THE CONSERVATION TRUST ANNUAL MEETING, 6.30 pm WEDNESDAY 13 JULY

St Laurence’s Church, Ludlow

Everyone is invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the Conservation Trust, when Chairman, Bill Lloyd-Kitchen will outline last year’s achievements and next year’s plans. The Trustees have pleasure in inviting Palmers and supporters to join them afterwards for a complimentary glass of wine in the church.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by:

SILURIA: THE STORY OF A LOST OCEAN

An illustrated talk by Michael Rosenbaum, Emeritus Professor of Engineering Geology

7.30 Wednesday 13 July, St Laurence’s Church, Ludlow, £5.00 per person – pay on the door!

“The talk is aimed at the interested lay person, and illustrates how the fabric of St Laurence’s owes its character to the Silurian”, said Michael. “Ludlow’s parish church was built with and upon rocks deposited some 420 million years ago, at a time when an ocean to the west was being destroyed, life was beginning to emerge from the sea onto land, and Ludlow was south of the Equator!”

Michael will also explain why earth scientists from 20 countries across the world will assemble in Ludlow in July to discuss issues that affect our understanding not only of local geology but across the planet, “These rocks contain evidence of climate change during one of the least stable episodes of Earth history”, said Michael. “All those millions of years ago, the Silurian seas were teeming with life, whilst the surrounding land was barren. There are lessons to be learned which can be applied to the future of life in the 21st century!”

THE 2ND LUDLOW TO CANTERBURY BIKE RIDE PILGRIMAGE - SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE FOR CONSERVATION TRUST

From Sunday 31 July until Saturday 6 August, St Laurence’s Clerk of Works, Shaun Ward, will be cycling 250 miles to Canterbury to raise the profile of the Vision Project and raise much-needed funds for the Conservation Trust.

Anyone wishing to support Shaun and the Trust is invited to leave a donation in the box in St Laurence’s marked ‘Cycle Ride’. Cheques should be payable to CTSL. Or you can visit the ‘Just Give’ site on the web. Shaun will be riding with Fr Richard Green, who is raising funds for his own parish at Ashford Carbonell. Both riders will be supported by their ‘back up team’, Canon Jeffrey Wilcox. Follow their progress on www.cyclertocanterbury.blogspot.com