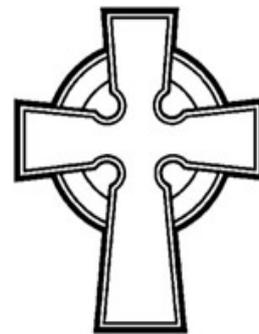


St John's Church

Waberthwaite



Heritage Project update September 2019

Although we were unsuccessful in our recent Lottery funding application, our long-term aim is to secure the future of St John's as a place of worship and a valuable ancient building. Over the centuries other generations have done major work on the church, and the building is in need of this again. To ensure that our children and grandchildren can enjoy and appreciate this heritage we plan to restore and repair the church, improve access and facilities on site, uncover and explain the history and maintain and improve the area for nature, but to achieve this we need substantial grant funding.

Until we get this we are focusing on sorting out the major *damp problems* in the church. We are starting investigative work on the outside of the church - checking drainage away from the building and moving on to removal of the cement render. We are hoping for some grant money to support this.

We have a grant from the Veneziana Fund to conserve the Anglian *cross fragment*. York Archaeological Trust will be involved in that work over the next couple of months. The fundraising we are doing now will go towards these projects.

If you would like to be kept informed of our progress, and haven't already given us your details, please contact us via e mail or by ringing Liz Clegg (secretary) on 01229717661. Your details will only be used by us for sharing what's happening. You can find other updates in the benefice magazine, on the Church Near You website www.achurchnearyou.com and by following our Facebook page.

Future events:

Ian Panter from York Archaeological Trust will be giving a talk on the preservation of old buildings (churches, houses and other buildings) in **Waberthwaite Village Hall on Saturday November 9th at 2 o'clock**. He will also be able to tell us what work is being done on the cross piece. He is a national expert and his talk will give us insight into the work of the Trust.

There will be the chance to ask him questions after his talk. After a break for refreshments, local people who have been involved in researching the history of the village and church will be there to share what they have discovered

We want to welcome as many people as possible to the whole event, or just part of it. You are welcome to drop in anytime between 2.00 and 4.30. Tickets are £5 and can be bought locally or on the door.

The raffle which is running at the moment will be drawn at this event.

