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SOUTH HOBART**

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Thank you for choosing to make a bequest to the work of restoring All Saints. Your contribution is much appreciated.

The suggested words you should use are as follows:
 "I give to the Parish of All Saints, South Hobart, PO Box 191, South Hobart, Tasmania, 7004, Australia, (insert here details of the sum of money, percentage of residuary of estate or description of property or asset you intend to bequeath) to be used for the purposes of the restoration of All Saints Church and the receipt of the Treasurer of the said Parish shall be a complete discharge to my executors."

Signed.....

Name
 (please print)

Address.....

Date.....

HOW YOU CAN HELP

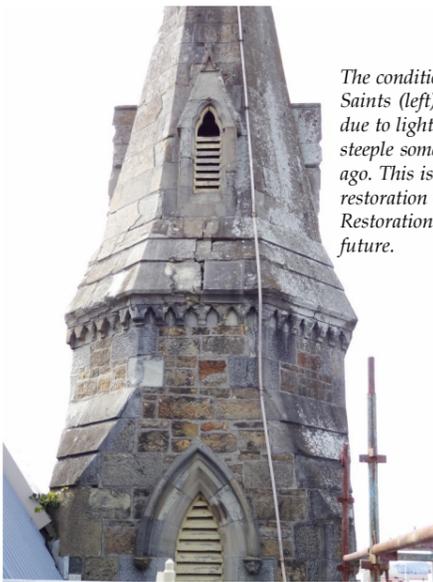
Please give generously to the All Saints Church Restoration Appeal. Our target of \$800,000 is achievable and any financial assistance no matter how great or small will be most appreciated.

And remember, your donation through the National Trust (over \$2) is tax deductible!

*Donation forms are available
 in the Church, Parish Office, at the Jesse Tree shop,
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www.allsaints-southhobart.org.au or by phoning: 6223 1795*

All Saints Church, South Hobart Restoration Committee: -
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What's in the next issue ...
 We profile two of our craftsmen -
 => Duncan Foster, stonemason on the property for some twenty years; and
 => Gavin Merrington our stained glass artist who has recently won a Churchill Fellowship.



The condition of the steeple of All Saints (left) is, to a large degree, due to lightning which struck the steeple some thirty or more years ago. This is one of the very major restoration tasks that will face the Restoration Committee in the future.

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A building too precious to lose

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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SOUTH HOBART
 RESTORATION APPEAL
 NEWSLETTER**

**Where we are up to: a Progress Report
 from Dan McNeill, Restoration Appeal Chairman**

Goodbye rusting roof! The last step in protecting the Church's sandstone walls and interior.

With any restoration project it is critical that the structure of the building be first secured from the elements before progressing with the refurbishment of the interior.

Finally, after years of resisting the relentless strong winds and harsh winters, the gnawing threat of water and storm damage has finally been put behind us.

Local specialist tradesmen have been engaged to work on the historic dormer windows and the considerable work of replacing the old and rusting iron is all but complete.

This essential roofing work, well overdue, will be completed at a projected cost of \$80,000 (excluding GST). Additional repairs to the unique dormer windows will incur a further \$15,000 and a contingency of \$1,500 for the replacement of timbers has been allowed.

Commissioning the repairs was only made possible by the unexpected receipt of specific donations from two parishioners totalling \$17,500 and a substantially revised quotation from the preferred contractor.

These two generous donations in addition to Appeal funds already held provided the Restoration Committee with the financial confidence and ability to immediately accept the reduced quotation and proceed. This substantial and costly work was

identified in the Conservation Management Plan which the Appeal Committee commissioned. It includes the replacement of the remaining deteriorating corrugated iron roof, flashings, gutters and capping.

Work is well advanced and should be completed by mid September 2014. This will herald a new and exciting chapter as focus moves to the Restoration of the Porch and the interior fabric of the church.

The completion of the new roof will be the final step in ensuring that the building becomes as water tight as possible to protect the sandstone pillars and walls, timber ceiling beams and the interior cement rendered walls of this 1859 historic building. This together with the restoration of the windows and sealing them will protect the paint work from unusual deterioration.

The new roof will also remove the possibility of any water damage to the recently completed internal lighting and electrical rewiring, wall mounted memorials, the precious "Fleury" Nativity mural and the pipe organ.



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Great Progress Already Achieved at Considerable Cost ...

Although we are focussing on the roof repairs because there is still scaffolding all around us, it takes only a second's reflection to realise what has been achieved.

The present roof repairs enhance the natural beauty of the building and will complement many major and urgent repairs, both programmed and thrust upon us, which have been undertaken and successfully completed over the past few years.

Since we embarked on the restoration programme, repairs and restoration costing \$417,000 have included:-

- ◊ Installation of new state of the art lighting and some electrical rewiring - \$39,200.
- ◊ Reconstruction of the West Wall which houses priceless and historic stained glass windows - \$132,000
- ◊ Preservation and repair of other precious and historic stained glass windows - \$144,000.
- ◊ Refurbishment of the "Fleury" mural above the altar in the Lady Chapel - \$13,200.

Extraordinary Generosity Manifest ...

One of the greatest joys about being a part of this restoration work is being able to share the interest and enthusiasm shown by our craftsmen.

Our advisors and specialist contractors have worked diligently on the Restoration Project and have, on occasion, generously provided their professional services at no cost.

Since its establishment some five years ago, the Restoration Fund has raised and received grants and donations totalling \$361,600.

This extraordinary amount has been achieved by the ongoing commitment of parishioners and friends to fundraisings which has raised \$ 151,000 and the generosity of many valued benefactors has provided \$210,600.

The Parish recognises, with heartfelt appreciation, the significant and kind financial support of :-

- ◆ Community Heritage Fund - \$39,000
- ◆ Australian Government - \$72,000
- ◆ The Late Mrs Doone Kennedy OA - \$70,000 (specifically towards interior lighting and roofing)
- ◆ Sangster Bequest - \$4,800
- ◆ Henry Allport Bequest - \$20,000
- ◆ South Hobart Progress Association - \$5,000

- ◊ External works have included much needed repairs to the weathered sandstone and reinstatement of the cross atop of the West Wall. - \$8,500.



Interior of All Saints Church during the 1890's

Great Achievements ... Even Greater Gratitude But ... Where to from here?

There is still much to be done! There are still many challenges to be met; hopefully, with fewer surprises!

Church Porch - Funding Submission to TCF.

The Restoration Appeal Fund Committee has recently commissioned a detailed application to the Tasmanian Community Fund seeking funding towards the restoration of the Church's entry porch.

Constructed in 1861, the porch is the main public entrance into the church building. Decades of severe winters, strong westerly winds and rain have taken a toll and caused considerable decay and weathering to the porch's structure and it is now in need of essential repairs to the external sandstone walls and the re-carving of the pinnacle stone and arch. At this time the cross, with generous funding from the South Hobart Progress Association, will be replaced.

Hopefully, the application will successfully result in a TCF grant which will enable joint funding of the project which is estimated to cost \$38,000.

The application has now been submitted to the Diocese for their endorsement and lodgement with the TCF.

Once the porch is repaired, the Restoration Appeal Fund Committee's focus will be the refurbishment of the Church's interior.

Vale Doone Kennedy, Patron and Friend ...



gift to start an emergency appeal to 'fix the roof'. This in turn encouraged others to come forward with further unexpected gifts. Her enthusiasm for the restoration of All Saints was and remains infectious.

One of the best things that has happened for the Parish of All Saints was Doone Kennedy's acceptance of the patronage of the All Saints Restoration Appeal. As Patron and Benefactor, Doone followed in the footsteps of All Saints' first benefactor, Alfred Kennerley, who guided the building of the church from 1855 and who was Mayor of Hobart from 1863.

Doone's vast experience in local government, coupled with her interest in and passion for the restoration of historic buildings was made manifest when, in the Spring of 2011, during a particularly wild storm, the roof on All Saints Church came adrift and moved towards the city. Her reaction was prompt. She approached Dan McNeill, Chairman of the Restoration All Saints Restoration Appeal, with a generous

Dan McNeill, speaking of his long association with Doone in many different areas said, "Alongside this enthusiastic support Doone gave us the benefit of her wide experience with historic buildings. This was always valuable and often coloured by her beautiful, wicked, sense of humour."

Consequently, Doone showed no surprise when she discovered that, as a result of the internal repairs to the roof, the antiquated lighting system could no longer remain and needed replacement.

It became her personal ambition to restore the lighting quickly. As a result the new lighting in All Saints Church was 'Dedicated in

Appeal to businesses and Corporations.

Work has commenced on developing a campaign to enlist support from the local business community and other commercial enterprises.

The possibility of securing sponsorship of various Parish fundraising ventures will be explored and donations to the Restoration Appeal Fund sought.

Social fundraising functions in the coming warmer months.

Currently, various members of the Committee are developing opportunities for social activities and functions to be held, not only on parish property, but also at other

pleasant venues.

It is proposed that on the second Sunday of November the All Saints community invite family and friends to celebrate the 'Heroes of All Saints', the people who have, over the history of the parish, contributed to the legacy of community we enjoy. At Mass and at lunch we will join in celebrating our heritage and achievements.

The Committee also looks forward to having a number of social events associated with the appeal fundraising where parishioners may enjoy inviting family and friends.

thanksgiving for the devotion and generosity of John and Doone Kennedy (pictured left), faithful servants of God and the wider community', during Choral Evensong on Sunday 11 May 2014.

Fr David said that he and Yvonne would particularly miss their regular visits to pick up small items to be donated to The Jesse Tree. "Each one, he said, "had its own story retold in 'Doone fashion'.

Most of all the people of All Saints will miss her presence in our community. Her interest in each and every individual will be a significant reminder of her innate goodness," he concluded.

We will remember this kind, gracious and thoughtful lady with great appreciation.

May she rest in peace.

