

Blackford's achievements so far

- **New vestry built with disabled access and toilet**
- **Running water and mains drainage installed**
- **Tea bar and catering facilities installed**
- **Repairs to the outside walls plus repainting**
- **Clock repaired**
- **New roof**
- **Restored cupola and cross**
- **New drainpipes**

The Final Push will deliver:

- **Cost-effective heating**
- **Re-wiring to modern safety standards**
- **Functional lighting**
- **A hearing loop and speakers**
- **Re-rendered interior walls and decoration**

**HELP US RAISE £80,000
TO FINISH THE JOB**

WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER!



History of Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity was built as a Chapel of Ease in 1823 when a census determined that there was insufficient room in St Mary's Wedmore to meet the needs of the community. The building is Grade II listed and its octagonal design by Richard Carver is unique in Somerset.

The Church has played a vital role in community life for nearly 200 years, and the support of our local community for the restoration project shows how much we all value the building as one of the important focal points for village life in Blackford.

The Church has a growing congregation, including a vibrant junior church, and provides a valuable home for a variety of community activities and events including:

- **The Blackford Singers**
- **Blackford Arts Week**
- **Concerts and exhibitions**

For more information visit our website at
www.holytrinityblackford.org.uk

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***Our aim is build a church which meets
the needs of all in Blackford village and
the wider community***

The Final Push Phase III Restoration: The Interior

We need your help to raise

£80,000

and complete the restoration

Final interior phase will give us

- **Heating**
- **Safe electrics**
- **Decent lighting**
- **Hearing loop**
- **Re-rendered and decorated interior**

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Completing the restoration of Holy Trinity, Blackford

Over the last ten years our small village of Blackford has already raised sufficient funds to restore the outside of our church.

Now we're making the final push to raise £80,000 to finish the job and do the work that's urgently needed on the interior, including:

- **New heating system**
- **Completely new electrical systems, including lighting, a hearing loop and speakers**
- **Re-plastering and restoration of the walls and window frames**

How can you help?

The total cost will be around £170,000.

We have raised some of this already *but unless we can raise an additional £80,000 through donations and fundraising we will not be able to start the work.*

If you would like to offer financial support, please make a donation or, better still, make a regular covenant.

Please contact Justin Ash on 01934 713887 or justin@cheesehouse.demon.co.uk to donate, or for a covenant form, or go to our website at: www.holytrinityblackford.org.uk



The crumbling interior

Why it matters – heat, light and community!

Holy Trinity is one of the few remaining focal points for village life in Blackford, alongside the village hall and the pub. Even if we aren't regular worshipers, many of us have connections with Holy Trinity through baptisms, marriages, burials of loved ones and community events.

The restoration of the interior will deliver

- **Decent sustainable heating**
- **Proper, safe lighting and electrics**
- **Re-rendered and decorated walls to replace the crumbling plaster**
- **A safe future for the building for decades to come**



No more torches and woolly hats!

The Church represents our shared village life. In recent years Holy Trinity has been used for:

- **Arts festivals and exhibitions**
- **Weekly rehearsal space for the Blackford Singers**
- **Concert venue for classical and rock performances**

And, of course, regular Sunday services, baptisms, weddings and funerals, and celebrations at Christmas, Easter and other festivals.

With decent heating and lighting, the building will be suitable for an even wider range of community and social uses.

The story so far – and the challenge of Phase III

Phase I - complete

In 1999 the Parochial Church Council (PCC) was faced with a difficult decision. Years of poor maintenance had seriously affected the fabric and the building lacked basic facilities such as access for disabled people and even running water.

By the end of 2006 we had finished Phase I with fantastic support from the whole village, the Diocese and anonymous donations, and had:

- **Built a new vestry with a lavatory and provided access for the disabled**
- **Built a tea bar for our services and social events**
- **Hacked off hard cement render and replaced it with breathable mortar on half the exterior**

Phase II - complete

Thanks to an English Heritage grant and the incredible efforts of our fundraising team, as well as local generosity, by 2009 we had raised enough to finish work on the exterior, including:

- **A new roof and stabilized timber trusses**
- **Restoring the church bell**
- **Restoring the cupola and cross**
- **Renovation of the western porch**
- **Completion of the rendering and painting of the walls**

Phase III – the target

Completing the project will cost a total of approximately £170,000. Once our current funds and potential loans are taken into account, we need to find around £80,000 of additional funding to ensure that we can complete the project.

Assuming we can raise the funds, we aim to start work in 2013 with a view to completing the work by early 2014.

Once the project is complete the Church will be fit to serve the people of Blackford for decades to come.