



Dear Brendan,

Grant Request from St Andrew's Church 2023-24

I do apologise for being a day or two late in making this request.

In the last couple of years the Parish Council has kindly given grants to St Andrew's Church to enable a water supply to be achieved for the vestry (for flower arranging) but also for the facility of walkers passing through the church yard. That project has not yet come to fruition due to the problems in obtaining an independent water supply. But it has not been abandoned. Enquiries are being made as to the feasibility of obtaining water from Southern Water.

But it seems to the Parochial Church Council wrong to invite you to sponsor such a project further by means of a grant when the feasibility of the project has yet to be confirmed. Instead, we wondered if you would be prepared to give us a grant to enable us to present St Andrew's small collection of art in the church around the font, so that it can be shown and also so that people in the village will be able to use it as a place to show their own art. We have already had three pictures reframed and, although not presented in the church as we would like, they are up and I believe they have given pleasure. Two are views of the church painted in probably the 40s or 50s – one with finials on the corner of the tower, no longer there. Another is a rendering of the saltire in black and white pen and ink on a blue painted background. There are further items and images which we think could be exhibited.

We are looking to present these on screens, where they may be permanently sited, but which could be moved for one reason or another. That way there is no need to drill holes into the old church walls. And it would suggest an element of dynamism so that the collection could be regularly changed and updated to allow for any artwork which the village produces.

I have not yet found the exact type of scree, but I think the screens are likely to cost about £350 to £400 as they would need to be quite tall and robust and at the same time not trip anybody up!

We would be most grateful for any contribution towards this project.

Kind regards,

Angus Macpherson, Church Warden