

# The future of St Mary's Ramsden Bellhouse?



Please join us for a public meeting on

**Thursday 19 November  
at 7.30pm**

in Ramsden Bellhouse Village Hall.



*We would like to hear your views*

## What is the problem we face?

St Mary's has been an integral part of Ramsden Bellhouse since it was built around 1425. It is a grade II\* listed building.



Unfortunately, the church has been closed since April 2026, after a section of the ceiling collapsed.

Our builder and architect have inspected the damage and consider that the whole south side of the ceiling is at risk of collapse and needs to be replaced. Our architect has produced plans to replace the ceiling using modern materials at a cost approaching £100,000. However, as a listed building we may be required to match the original construction of the ceiling which will involve removing the roof in order to gain access. No formal estimates have been obtained, but figures in the region of £250,000 have been mentioned.

The congregation of St. Mary's is very small and ageing. Though we have been well supported at recent events, engagement from the wider village has been limited. The cost of repair and upkeep of the church is considerable and our resources limited.

We therefore invite you to join us on the 19 November as we consider together the way forward for our church.

The Revd Jacqui Cattle  
Priest in Charge

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to share your views on the future of St Mary's please email them to [info@ramsdenbellhousechurch.org.uk](mailto:info@ramsdenbellhousechurch.org.uk)