CHURCH WINDOWS

The windows of St. Mary’s church date from 1851.

Some are coloured, some are plain, but all were made by man.

The Lord provided materials, and gave the people power

To build a brand new church here, including a square tower.

It was a beauty, a real gem, a daughter of St. Peter’s,

It had an altar, a font, a pulpit, an organ, even heaters!

Many people passed the threshold to worship and to pray

To say the ‘Yes, I do’, together we will stay.

Or people come to say ‘Goodbye’ to family or friend,

When their journey here on earth has reached its final end.

The church is a place where people come to bare their soul,

To pray for healing and forgiveness and again to be made whole.

The people haven’t changed, it’s another generation,

We refurbished the church with thanks to generous donations.

The wooden pews have been replaced with comfortable chairs

The pulpit is a lectern, gone are the pulpit stairs!

The leaking roof is now secure, away with pots and pans,

No need to duck the rain when reading wedding banns.

The masonry and turrets, they look as good as new,

We have done lots of work here, I think that we’re now through.

No, not quite, the PCC received a pressing question.

‘Can we renew the sheets that give windows their protection?’

The windows are obscured, they look like they’ve been boarded,

The polycarbonate has gone all dull, can some new ones now be ordered?

It looks as if the church is closed, without it’s stained glass majesty.

And the PCC agreed that indeed it was a travesty.

Trees Fewster volunteered, so she was put in charge

Of the windows project, updating small and large.

She got a quote from a firm down the road in Leeds

Who would cut the polycarbonate to her specific needs.

The 10 windows with similar arches, that would be a sensible start.

But the cost of the replacements made the treasurer’s heart smart.

The cost per window is £200 and that’s without the V.A.T.

If you say it quick enough, it comes out quite easily.

Can we find some funding and get it nicely done,

Perhaps we could appeal to you before the summer fun.

Can you sponsor a window, a full one, half or third?

Do you feel kind and generous, have you heartstrings gently stirred?

Do please let me know how much that you can spare.

So the church can stand radiant, and show how much we care!

*Trees Fewster - 28 March 2019*