

St John's Church Waberthwaite: the bad news



The Georgian pews are rotting and becoming unsafe



Plaster bubbling on all the walls



Old sawn panels are slipping



Cement render and modern plaster are causing condensation



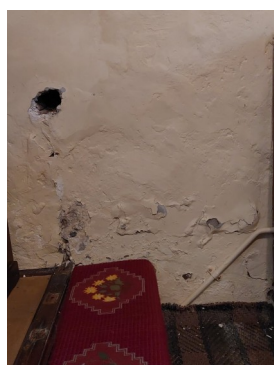
Cracks in lath and plaster



Damp in the vestry and near the altar



Old and modern plaster decaying



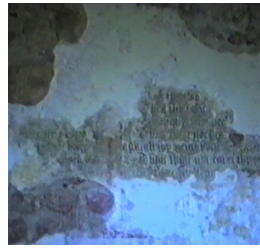
Major building work is needed!

The church is on the At Risk register due to damp coming up through the floor affecting the entire fabric, fixtures and fittings. The only solution is lifting the sandstone floor which means removing, restoring and then replacing everything within the building after remedial work is complete. Follow our story in the parish magazine or the exhibition in the church. Any donation however small will help us put this right. Our details are account name: St Johns Ch Waberthwaite PCC number 91006088 sort code 40 22 26

St John's Church Waberthwaite: the good news



Spring crocuses



Hidden history under new plaster



A spectacular setting

A walk through history: a Celtic burial ground, two ancient crosses, a Roman pillar as a font, a Tudor pulpit, Georgian box pews



“an oasis of calm in a busy world”



Community support enabling us to provide facilities on site.

“a place that holds our heritage with a welcome to all”



“a remarkably complete c1800 interior.....of considerable regional if not national significance”



The pulpit “of great significance...possibly the only Cumberland example of vernacular carving with known provenance”

St John's Church has been the heart and soul of our West Cumbrian community for a thousand years. It is cherished by local people of all ages who come to worship, celebrate, remember loved ones and support events. Visitors come too, in increasing numbers in person and online, to enjoy this ancient site on the old Esk river crossing.

With financial support we can and will secure St John's precious legacy for future generations.

As a small church we work hard to raise enough money to keep our church going and this is only possible because of support from across the whole community. For major work, we are dependent on grants.

We are working hard to find grant-funders who may help us reach our goal. Follow our story on

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