

..... SAVE OUR Churches

A Church Appeal for the Parish of Broadway



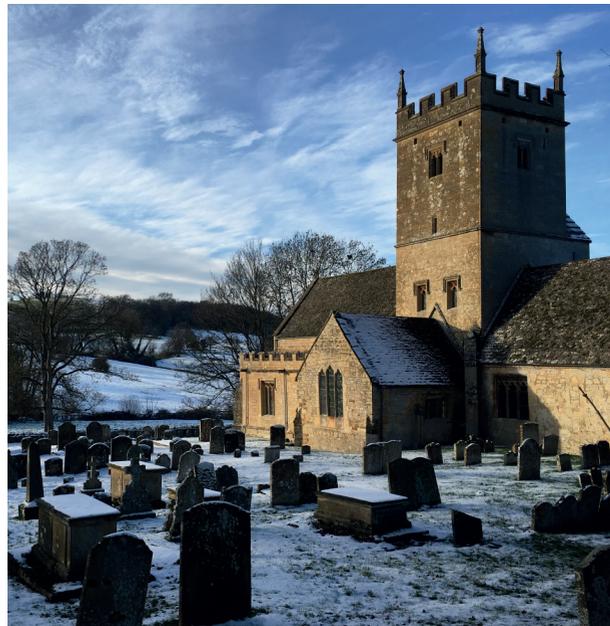
St Michael's and St Eadburgha's have always been here for the people of Broadway to lean on, in good times and bad, whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. They're part of all our lives, for weddings, baptisms, funerals, school nativity plays and concerts, to celebrate Christmas, Easter and Harvest. We want to continue being there for you, your children and grandchildren, but we have a serious problem. Our funds have run out and we can't meet our obligations.

Our parish churches, like lots of charities, are struggling to survive, and we need to appeal to the community of Broadway to help us keep our doors open. We have been struggling for the past 5 years and Covid-19 has hit us hard.

Where does our money go?

You may be surprised that we need £100,000 every year. Many people mistakenly believe that the Church of England is nationally funded; this is not the case. Our churches are part of the diocese of Worcester, which reaches from Dudley to northern Gloucestershire, and has to be largely self-funding.

Our two churches are asked to pay £62,000 each year towards the cost of maintaining vicars across the diocese. The money goes towards the pay, housing, NI, pension and training and a contribution towards the training of future clergy. It does not include any contribution to other cost of running of the diocese (salaries constitute only a small part of the overall figure).



The remaining £38,000 pays for the maintenance of our churches' graveyards (£10,000), our organist, administrator and cleaner (£9,200), insurance for both churches (£8,000), office expenses (computers, stationery etc £6,200), running costs for services e.g. water, heating etc (£1,500), and sundry costs for architect's fees, fire safety etc.

Please help us to keep your Broadway churches open and enable us to keep on supporting the vulnerable through our food appeals and home visits; helping people through some of the most difficult times in life and also in celebration, for weddings and christenings. Our situation is serious. We cannot expect less affluent churches in the diocese to pay our share. At the moment, that is what is happening and we have been informed that it cannot continue.

How can you help?

By donating directly (with regular or one-off payments) through the **Parish Giving Scheme**.



Donate online through our website <https://www.stmichaelsbroadway.org/broadway-pcc-appeal>

Alternatively, talk to Priest-in-Charge Shellie, or to Kevin Beasley the Church Treasurer, about other ways to give. Shellie Ward: 01386 852 352 Kevin Beasley: 01386 858 672

Together, we hope that we can continue to love and care for all who live in the parish of Broadway. ♦

Thank you to those who responded to our call out for photos (clockwise top left): Shellie Ward, Keith Thompson, David Atkins, Julian Cook.

