## St Mary's Nettleton & Burton looks to the future

During this difficult time when all churches are closed, we would like to re-assure you that we are still a church, meeting virtually for services and fellowship. Our aim will always be to create an environment that takes one through troubles and joys of life. Whilst we know and realise that many are struggling financially at this moment, life has to go on as does the work of the church and its contribution to the community. The ongoing upkeep of our beautiful building and churchyard, all depend on people's generosity.

We sincerely thank those who have already supported us and those who have adapted to give at this time, but with our doors closed to community, church and fund-raising events, we are far below our usual income, and so we really need your help now. Without that help our church will have to close.

Think of all that we would lose with the building closed: - local services, christenings, weddings, funerals, a haven from the busy world, community meetings and events, and a place to visit that is cool when we have a heat wave.

No more teddy bear parachuting, no more harvest suppers, no more children's Christmas parties. This will be the reality if we close.

The next months will be challenging but we need to look to the future and continue to plan the way ahead. Unfortunately, our finances do not enable us to plan beyond the end of June so without your help we will close. It takes approximately £14000 a year to keep the church going and meet the minimum essential repairs.

If you feel able to support us and would like to do so on a regular basis our bank account is: On line account name: St Mary s Church N Sort code 52-21-30 Account number 55922902

If you would like to give a donation and prefer to use a cheque please make the cheque payable to 'The Rector and Churchwardens of St Mary's Church Nettleton'.

If possible, please make a gift aid statement using the attached form, or I can give you an envelope. Please deliver the envelope, and/or form, to John Millican, Little Paddock, Fredericks Way, Burton.

If you would like any more details, please don't hesitate to contact me on 01454 218072 or marje.caie@burtonwilts.org.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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