



## ST PETER'S CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

You will probably have noticed that scaffolding towers have been erected at each corner of the church and contractors are on site.

**What you may not have noticed is the problem.** When you next step into church, take a moment to look up towards the organ loft and, on both north and south sides, you will see large, unsightly patches of damp, peeling paint and spreading mould. The location of the patches corresponds with downpipes outside. The damage, which came as a complete surprise, appeared only recently and is getting worse.

The whole drain-pipe system was examined thoroughly by accredited professionals using cameras. With the scaffolding we have now been able to inspect the system physically. The pipes are holed and defective. Moreover, the original iron hoppers are apparently 'decorative features' only and do not funnel the water away from the brickwork. And with the tropical storms and downpours, which have become a feature of life, the pipes are simply inadequate to contain the enormous volume of water cascading off the huge slate roof (this is a nationwide problem).

Our architects have recommended that the iron pipes be replaced with new aluminium ones which, with the same external dimensions, will be larger internally and thus better able to cope with the volume of water in a rainstorm. They will be finished to look like the original pipes.

**So, that's the problem. And here's another one.** The cost of doing this work is now likely to be over £50,000, even with the help of the VAT reclaim option. Our current bank balance is around £80,000 (which includes £10,000 donated by two generous parishioners specifically to help with this project). Once we have paid for this vital work, our funds will be at rock bottom. **We have to do this work. Can you help?**

Any donation you can make to help with this problem will be much appreciated. If you would like more information, including about Gift Aid, please ask us.

Richard Woods  
Retiring Warden

Jane Fryer  
Warden

Simon Brooke  
Warden

**To donate** please make a bank transfer to:  
ST PETERS PCC  
Sort code 60-50-06  
Account number 41721101  
Reference: New Pipes and donor's name

Or send a cheque payable to St Peter's Church to St Peter's Parish Office, Black Lion Lane, London W6 9BE, noting on the back that it is for New Pipes.

Thankyou!