

**All Saints'
Church,
Winterton**



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Sponsor a seat at All Saints, Winterton!

A steadily increasing number of Winterton residents and those who live further afield are taking advantage of an unusual opportunity. By sponsoring one of the new seats at All Saints' Church, they can have a personalised message engraved on a brass plaque fixed to the chair.

Anyone who wishes is invited to join this scheme and sponsor a new chair at All Saints, Winterton. The chairs are currently being made in the UK from solid oak with seagrass seat panels [see photo]. They are planned to be delivered to the church in May 2015 with the plaques fitted.



For a donation of £100 or more you can have a brass plaque fixed to a chair. The wording will need to be simple as the plaque is small. Some examples are: "Donated by Arthur Other" and "In loving memory of Maureen Other 1939 - 2011". To date inscriptions include memorials to loved ones, names of donors and commemorations of weddings and family events.

Anyone who is interested can sponsor a plaque whether or not they attend the church and whether or not they live in Winterton. The plaque does not have to be in memory of a deceased relative or friend. It can simply mark the donation made by an individual. This is a chance for everyone who wants to help safeguard the future of All Saints for the Winterton community. Robin Shawyer, the Project Coordinator at All Saints, said 'Please spread the word about this scheme. If we could get a plaque on every new seat we could raise over £20,000! It would make a huge difference to the funding we still need!'

All Saints closed in 2014 to allow a wide range of repairs and reordering works to take place. The reordered church is expected to open its doors again in June 2015. It will then have a new lease of life acting as both a church and a centre for town heritage and community events.

If you would like to receive more details, please register your interest with Robin Shawyer on 01724 734285 or search on the church website at <http://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/winterton/about-us/sponsor-chair/>

Notes to Editors

About All Saints' Church, Winterton

All Saints is the medieval parish church for Winterton. There are regular Church of England services but also a weekly Roman Catholic mass. There is an extensive programme of concerts and coffee mornings each year and the church has always opened for visitors on Wednesday afternoons. The church closed in January 2014 in preparation for the capital works programme which began in July. This will provide a reordered interior with new heating, lighting, seating and heritage interpretation together with extensive repairs and conservation. In due course an extension will be added for new toilets and a kitchen.

Website at <http://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/winterton/>

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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