

All Saints'
Church,
Winterton



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Public Meeting at All Saints' Church, Winterton at 7pm on Thursday 20th March

Launch of Friends' Group and Interest Groups for the new All Saints' Centre

The meeting is open to all those interested in the future of All Saints at Winterton and the potential it has to offer when it reopens in 2015 with new facilities. The reordered church building will offer much more than formerly so needs to be thought about in a new way. The name 'All Saints' Centre' provides the framework for fresh thinking.

A short formal talk to outline the aims will be followed by informal discussion with free buffet refreshments. This will create the chance to find out more detail about the proposed activities, make new suggestions and, for those who wish, sign up to offer help and support.

People of all ages are invited. They do not have to be 'churchgoers' or even residents of Winterton – just simply interested in what opportunities the reordered building will offer to individuals and groups.

A 'Friends Group' for All Saints' Church will be launched at the meeting. This will be open to anyone who would like to support the future of All Saints in the broadest possible sense. How this group works will depend on those who join. Many other churches have set up similar groups which both raise funds to ensure the building is maintained and have their own programme of interesting activities.

There will also be interest groups to oversee the many new facilities and activities which will be possible. These activities are all part of the 'Activity Plan' which forms part of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant submission. Anyone with an interest in a proposed activity is welcome. Possible activities include: welcome team; heritage research about the church and Winterton; guided tours of the church and Winterton; developing data about the church for the new media display points; a new website to focus on Winterton Heritage; family history group; managing the church archives; digitising the archives; displays and exhibitions about the church & town; programme of concerts and drama; talks and lectures about our local heritage; new ways of using the church for learning by local schools; and lunch clubs for the elderly or those living by themselves.

This launch meeting is taking place now so that there is the planning time needed to get everything ready for early 2015 when All Saints reopens. If you are interested but cannot be present at the meeting, please make your interest known to Robin Shawyer on 01724 734285 or rdshawyer@gmail.com

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 now expected to start in April. This will provide new toilets and a kitchen and a reordered interior with new heating, lighting, seating and a small heritage interpretation and display centre together with extensive repairs and conservation.

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