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### Lovely church shame about the roof

Church records show that the nave roof was already in a bad state when this photo was taken in 1897. Repairs were estimated to cost £850.

Today a full restoration would cost £450,000, plus £50,000 for additional improvements. A cheaper alternative would still cost £260,000 for the roof. We have already raised over £160,000 of our target. Work could start in 2016.

### The current plans

- Reinstating four dormer windows
- Installing an appropriate new ceiling
- Improving heating, lighting and toilets

Thousands visit the church each year.

In addition to its use as a place of worship, the Friends of Nunney Church hope to make the interior more flexible in use, including a visitor / heritage centre, exhibitions, concerts and talks.

Established in 2008, the **Friends of Nunney Church** aim to restore the roof to a condition suited to this Grade I listed part of our heritage.

The Nunney Church Raise the Roof Appeal has already raised more than half of the funds needed. With your help, work could start within months.

### We desperately need your help now

Please make a donation today. A donations chest is located next to the entrance to the church. If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid envelope.

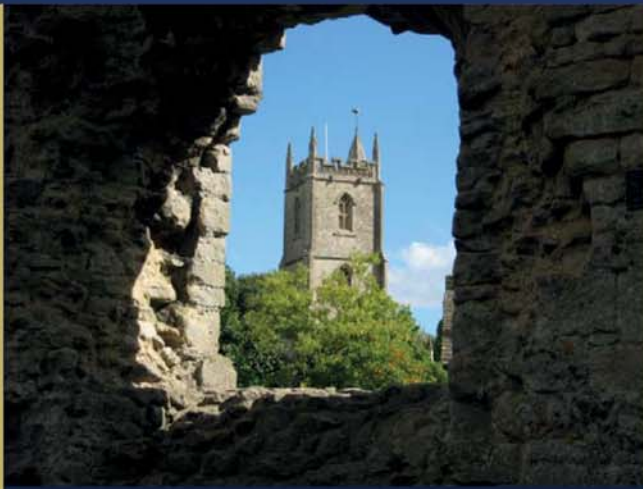
For information on how to donate from home, go to [www.nunneyraisetherooft.org.uk](http://www.nunneyraisetherooft.org.uk). Thank you!

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## Welcome to All Saints Church Nunney

All Saints Church has been at the heart of Nunney's community life for over 800 years. Generations of villagers from knights to paupers were baptised, married and buried here.

The church is at least 200 years older than Nunney Castle, which was built after 1373 by Sir John De la Mere and his descendants.

Since 1864 fundraising appeals have been held to repair the medieval barrel-vaulted nave roof. By 1958 it had rotted away and was removed.

**You can help to restore it. Make a donation.**



### 1178 First parson

The first church was built in the 12th century, possibly earlier. A Saxon cross was found and a Norman font still stands by the entrance. The first known parson was Thomas of Tournai in 1178.



### 1373 Nunney Castle

All Saints is over 200 years older than Nunney Castle, which was built after 1373. The church has medieval and Tudor effigies of Delameres, Praters and other owners of the castle.



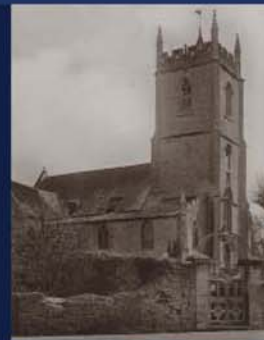
### 1860 Earliest photo

The church was enlarged in the 14th and 19th centuries. After the bishop ordered repairs throughout the early 19th century, major reconstruction took place in 1871.



### 1864 First fundraising

The first roof appeal took place in 1864. Major problems discovered in 1894 resulted in repairs using green wood, which introduced worms, beetles and both dry and wet rot.



### 1958 Ceiling removed

By 1940 the church leaked so much that it could no longer be used. Post-war shortages meant that no repairs took place in 1946. By 1958 the roof had rotted away and was removed.



### 1960-2015 Dark ages

Agricultural steel trusses and 'temporary' fibre-board tiles were put in place - removing dormer windows and robbing the church of natural light. The result was gloomy and unwelcoming.



### 2015 Tiles removed

After more than 50 years the temporary solution too was falling apart. The tiles have just been removed in the first phase of the restoration, and a colony of bats rehoused nearby.



### 2016 Restoration

The next step is to reinstate four dormer windows that once flooded the church with light. The ceiling will be made to look as it once was. Improved visitor facilities will be put in place.

