

Lottery money will help to repair subsidence-hit building

Church renovation boost

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Lottery cash has provided the final piece in a funding jigsaw that will save a church from collapsing.

The chancel at St Paul's, in Woodhouse Eaves, has been suffering from subsidence.

Work will start in the autumn to repair it, following the award of £100,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), on top of donations from locals and three charities.

The church, which was built in 1837, will remain open for services throughout the work.

The project team, having established through HLF-funded investigations that inadequate foundations are the cause of the subsidence of the chancel, has agreed a plan of repair.

The restorations have been approved by both HLF and Historic England.

The Rev Lisa Temperley-Barnes, rector of St Paul's, said: "This is wonderful news for the whole community of Woodhouse Eaves, as well as the congregation of St Paul's Church.



PICTURE: CHRIS GORDON

CONCERNS: St Paul's church, in Woodhouse Eaves, and, above, the structural damage that will be repaired

"We hope everyone will feel welcome to visit this beautiful church and see what repairs are being undertaken and what a fantastic legacy they have inherited."

Jonathan Platt, head of HLF East Midlands, said: "Historic places of worship like St Paul's have fascinating stories to tell and are often at the heart of communities. Thanks to Na-

tional Lottery players we can help to address the church's urgent conservation needs and share its heritage widely."

The lottery money will also support activities to celebrate the heritage of the church.

There will be a photographic competition and a "bring your wedding album" open church afternoon. A heritage exhibition will be held from June.

ST PAUL'S Church, known as the "church on the hill", was designed by William Railton, who also designed Beaumanor Hall and Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square.

It was built at a total cost of £1,200, funded by subscription and an incor-

porated society. The extended chancel - which is subsiding - was added as a memorial in 1871.

In 1924, two windows by Theodora Salusbury, a local artist working in the Arts and Crafts tradition, were installed.

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BACON Albert E., Private, 2nd Btn, Essex Regt, native of Loughborough
BROWN Reuben, Private, 1st/4th Btn, Leicestershire Regt
EATON Charles William, Captain, 11th Btn, Leicestershire Regt
POOLE George, Private, 7th Btn, Leicestershire Regt.

