

# £100,000 lottery grant to repair church chancel

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A HUGE Heritage Lottery Fund award of nearly £100,000 will allow the repair of the chancel of St Paul's Church in Woodhouse Eaves and a heritage project around the building and its history.

In 1837, when St Paul's Church in Woodhouse Eaves was built at a total cost of £1,200, it was funded by "subscription" and the "Incorporated Society".

Now, in 2017, it is to be saved from collapse through the generosity of many donors.

The money to restore the subsiding chancel has been raised from local donors, donations from three charities and, of course, the lottery award.

It is hoped that work to restore the chancel will be starting this autumn and last around 16 weeks.

The church should be able to remain functional throughout.

The project, having established that inadequate foundations are the cause of the subsidence of the chancel, has a plan of repair agreed.

The intriguing restorations have been approved by both the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Historic England.

Multiple activities to enjoy the heritage of this 180-year-old church are planned in the near future.

A heritage exhibition, with linked quizzes for children and adults, is to be mounted from June 2018.

If anyone has an interest in anything to do with the church building or local families with any historic connection with it then the church would be would be very pleased to hear from you.

If you have any skill or time at all you can offer to the project, then they will give you a warm welcome

as they say they need need lots of both!

St Paul's Church, known as the 'church on the hill' was designed by architect William Railton, who also designed Beaumanor Hall and Nelson's column in Trafalgar Square.

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.

"We hope that 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, added: "Historic places of worship like St Paul's have fascinating stories to tell, and are often at the heart of local communities. Thanks to National Lottery players we can help to address the church's urgent conservation needs and share its heritage widely."



Pictured is Loughborough College Public Servant with the Speaker of the House of Commons

## Teacher is top

A LOUGHBOROUGH College lecturer is celebrating news from Westminster that he has achieved the highest level possible in a nationwide scheme.

Christopher Price has been awarded UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Gold status and has been thanked for his "excellent work" by the Parliament Education Service.

The public services and business lecturer was selected last year from more than a 100 names across the country to attend the service's 10th Teachers' Insti-