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The church has played a vital role in our community here at Essington for the past 81 years providing...

**A place of worship**

**Weddings, baptisms & funerals**

**Ministry to those in need**

**Ministry to the local area**

It is important that we preserve our church in our community.

*The Parish Church of*  
**St. John's Essington**



Invites **you** to take part in the brand new

**Patronage Scheme**

Invest today for the future of St John's and protect our heritage and enable us to keep **your** church open

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## What is the Patronage Scheme?

This is an opportunity for everyone in Essington and beyond to keep St John's Church alive and open within the village for the use and appreciation of everyone. Even if you don't attend church you will nevertheless agree that St John's Church is an important and central landmark which has been and will continue to be there for you and your family for baptisms, weddings, funerals and other special occasions.

We are asking for *your* financial help to support the practical, ongoing costs of running and maintaining the building to avoid it falling into disrepair and possible closure. The Patronage Scheme will be a way of everyone contributing to maintain the church for future generations.

## Why is St John's Church launching this scheme now?

This church is an integral part of our village but running and maintenance costs by specialists are very high indeed as are the day to day running costs for this beloved church. Income received simply isn't keeping pace with today's increasing costs (see list opposite).

We are appealing to all who value this church and who want to keep it *open* to support this Patronage Scheme.

## Who is the Patronage Scheme for?

Anybody and everyone who wishes to see St John's Church here as a well maintained, warm and welcoming building serving its village community for many generations to come in whatever way is special to *you*.

## What does being a Patron mean?

You choose your special date and offer 'to buy' that date. Your payment will cover the running costs for your special day. The current cost to run the church building is **£25 per day**. Also, if you would like to buy that date for the future that would be even better!

## How can I be a Patron for the day?

Simple! Just choose one day out of 365 that you wish to remember a loved one, a birthday, a wedding anniversary, a baptism, a family occasion or other special event in your life.

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## What do I get in return for being a patron?

- Your name will be placed in the Patrons' book in church, opened at the current month and showing the date and occasion you are commemorating.
- The knowledge that *your* Patronage will make a big difference and that you are doing something really worthwhile to keep St John's church open for future generations.
- A yearly commemorative certificate as a thank you
- Updates on the success and progress of the Patronage Scheme

## What is my donation going towards?

The cost just to keep St John's building open in 2012 were:

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Electricity	£4,048
Insurance	£2,129
Maintenance	£892
Cleaning	£2,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,585</b>

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The above shows the main areas of expenditure that we are faced with in supporting the building.

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**All the funds contributed to the Patronage Scheme are only to be used to support the overall maintenance and day to day running costs of St John's church building.**

**You may be interested to know that the full cost of keeping St. John's open as an active part of the village is £1,000 a week.**

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