



# From All Saints Church, Chedgrave

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To All Saints Churches

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you on behalf of the congregation at All Saints Church, Chedgrave, Norfolk, England. We are reaching out in faith and wondering if you might be able to help us.



The original east window

Recently our church sustained significant damage due to vandalism of our windows including some valuable mediaeval stained glass. The cost of repairs to the glass that was broken is estimated to be £52,274 + VAT. We hope that our insurers will cover much of this once we have paid the excess (£250).

The damage to the East window of the church was considerable. It has a lot of mediaeval stained and painted glass, some from France and Germany, and has been removed for the work to be carried out. Terry Devlin of Devlin and Plummer Stained Glass wrote,

*In my thirty-four years career as a stained glass conservator, this has got to be the most damage I have witnessed to a medieval window. The centre and southernmost mainlights have most of the damage and will require partial releading.*

Devlin and Plummer recommended that while the window is removed we should install an internally ventilated protective glazing system to the window. This will conserve the ancient glass for posterity and prevent deterioration. It will also afford protection against further vandalism with the added benefit of some protection against heat-loss. This work will be expensive but we believe that we should undertake it now, if at all possible. We have had an estimate for this of £36,000-£40,000.



One of the damaged panes



We are a small, but active, church in rural Norfolk. We always pay our parish share in full and we tithe 10% of our regular income to charity [the current cycle sees us donating to Tearfund; Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and You Are Never Alone (YANA—providing mental health support, particularly to those involved in agriculture)].

See our FaceBook page: *All Saints Church, Chedgrave* to find out more about us.



On top of all that, after an eighteen-month fight, we have just received planning permission to install solar panels on the modern extension to our medieval church. This will cost us another £20,000. We are applying for grants but we are sure that we will still be left with a considerable shortfall even if successful.

We are writing therefore, to ask all of our sister churches which are dedicated to All Saints whether you might be able to provide some financial support, large or small, to us here at All Saints, Chedgrave, so that we can to save our glass and protect it for future generations.

Wishing you every blessing,

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