

# St Nicholas Bulletin

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Dear Friends



### THANK YOU !

First may I thank you all so much for the support you have given for the Out of the Blue Festival last month. It looks at the moment as if we have topped **£9,300** towards the Restoration Project as a result of the weekend, but more importantly, it was great fun to gather together as a wider community for a weekend of great events! Even sitting in a chair getting wet sponges thrown at me did not dampen the warm and positive atmosphere of the Saturday afternoon, with the schools' performances, the puppets and the many and varied activities that made up that Family Fun afternoon.



St Nicholas Church Radford Semele  
**Restoration Fund**

The Friday evening with Adrian Plass had us rolling with laughter and the Saturday evening was a concert with high quality, uplifting music. Sunday's service drew over 200 people from around the area to enjoy the puppets and the Bishop, and a few stayed afterwards to enjoy a picnic.

All in the all, it was a great success, and people are already asking whether we can do it again !

May I say a personal thank you to all those who participated in any way, especially to the small team of people who helped to organise it. But most of all to Chris and Avril and the team at the Exhibition Centre who gave us the weekend to use, and who worked so patiently and helpfully with us throughout the weekend. We are all extremely grateful to them – and what a great venue it is, right on our doorstep !

### PLANS WITH COVENTRY DIOCESE

You will also be delighted to know that we have finally been able to submit all the detailed plans to the Church authorities in Coventry for final approval. They meet in July to discuss the plans, and we hope to have a decision from them fairly quickly. Once the formal approval is received, we have to display it at the church for 28 days, and then the plans will be put out to tender to various heritage-approved contractors. And then ... then we will get a contractor on site !!!

I know it has been a long haul, and thank you for your patience, but we are nearly there in terms of getting the work actually started. As there is a year's worth of building to be done, I am pressing the Church authorities to move swiftly so we can get started, with an aim to have it open for Christmas 2012. I am hoping they take this on board, and that nothing else holds us up.

### CHURCH OPEN DAY : AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> (12-4pm)

The final piece of news is that before the contractors arrive, we will have an open day at the church. Earlier this month, we took years 5/6 from the school into the church room, showing them what was left and then looking inside the ruined church. It occurred to us that hardly anyone in the village will have been able to do this. So we will aim to open the church and church room on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> from 12.00- 4.00pm, lay out some of the items that have been salvaged for people to look at, and then offer brief and helmet-ed trips into the building. It might be a good way to raise a little more towards the Restoration Fund, so we may have a small entrance charge, but I hope that won't put anyone off coming.

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