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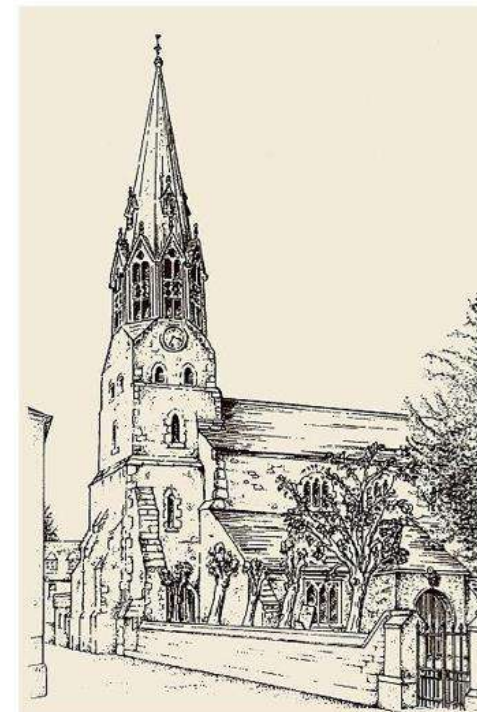
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of our Grade I listed church

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A Building to Cherish

Once the capital of Cornwall, and home of the Stannary Parliament, Lostwithiel is a charming medieval town at the head of the River Fowey estuary. Historically an important trading port, it was the departure point for knights during the Crusades and a scene of battle during the Civil War. St Bartholomew's Church encapsulates the history of Lostwithiel and has been a focus of Christian worship, as well as local and social concerns, for over a thousand years. Sited in the heart of the community, this fine building is the most notable architectural structure in the town and attracts many visitors.

The building has many wonderful features to cherish and maintain. Its six bells were refurbished in 2009, and a new bell frame constructed inside the tower. Behind the altar, the impressive East Window is one of the largest in any Cornish parish church.



The East Window

Sharing the Cost

Despite their heroic endeavours, the cost of maintaining the fabric of this Grade I listed building is more than can be raised by the congregation. The building also enjoys a special position in the affections of many people beyond the church's regular group of worshippers. The Friends of St Bartholomew's Church Lostwithiel (FOSB) was set up in 1995 to reach out and appeal to this wider community of supporters.

Our fund-raising efforts have successfully assisted the church with a grant for major refurbishment of the vestry. Other grants towards maintenance projects include replacement of the electrical and heating systems, repairs to the roof, tower, spire, walls, chancel, porch and St George's Chapel.



St George's Chapel

From 1995 to 2021, FOSB has contributed around £177,000 for essential work at St Bartholomew's church.

Our main focus is fund-raising for ongoing maintenance, rather than specific projects. With the generous support of the public we strive to enhance and maintain this beautiful old church for the benefit of the present generation and for the generations still to come.



The Font, thought to be 13th century



Alabaster monument depicting the martyrdom of St Bartholomew (feast day 24th August), located near the South Window

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