



## **St Helen's Catholic Church Westcliff on Sea, Essex Building and Restoration Fund**

Our church of Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helen was designed by the architect WJ Goodman and was built at the cost of £1,700. The Archbishop of Westminster opened the church in October 1869.

As a listed, Victorian building, regular work needs to be carried out to ensure that the building remains in good condition all of the time. As long as we keep contributing to the Building and Restoration Fund, work can be done when needed.

The Fund has been set up to fund essential repairs and maintenance of the fabric of the buildings. Maintenance forms one of our largest annual expenses with £26,000 spent over the last 12 months resulting in a need to use our very limited reserves.

Please help us meet our quarterly target of £2,000 that's just over £20 a day and just over £150 a week. This would help cover the shortfall we need for the year ahead.

The task of keeping our church and its buildings weatherproof and fit for purpose is an ongoing challenge.

With your help we can preserve this lovely ancient building.

Please give generously – Gift Aid envelopes or Letters of Pledge are located in the box below.

Thank you

Fr. Joseph Whisstock