

RESTORATION APPEAL

We drive past it and possibly don't give it a second thought, but this iconic building of our town has been around since 1892. It once held a prominent place in society with many a wedding, baptism, confirmation and funeral held here at St Mary's. It remains a local landmark on the corner of John and Husking Streets, and still contributes to the community's sense of place.

The foresight of the first Rector, the Reverend Groser who not only was a theologian of note but also had a nous for business, was quite remarkable. As he was able to drive the fund raising efforts and enthusiasm of the local community to donate their valuable time and significant resources to build the Church from local stone. Heavy stone was carted in by horse drawn wagons, then lifted higher and higher to complete the structure over an eight month period. All done voluntarily. Time and resources freely given.

Description from the State Heritage Office in 2013

"This was the first Anglican Church in Beverley townsite. It cost 475 pounds and was consecrated by Reverend Parry on 30th November 1892. The Chancel and Vestry were added in 1904 at a cost of 290 pounds. A memorial tower to Mr WH de Lisle, added in 1914, was too heavy for the foundation and was removed in 1926. The Lynch Gate was a War Commemoration and was dedicated on Remembrance Day 11 November 1956. The Porch was added in 1963 in memory of Mena Smith."

The Memorial Lynch gate mentioned is the only one of it's type in Western Australia.

Now, the Church has fallen into some disrepair and is in need of attention. We would not be appealing for funds if we were able to source from elsewhere. The Anglican Diocese of the Church is unable to offer any significant assistance, the National Trust, State Heritage and Lotteries Commission no longer supply funds for Churches. We are researching possible grant funding, however we need more than what may be available through that process.

The Church building itself is not only a symbol of our spiritual faith, as it was for previous generations who lived in the district, but it is also a building of historical significance to our Beverley community. As we go forward that historical significance can only become more and more important to future generations.

Please help us to restore and preserve this significant iconic community building.

To Give (every amount is very much appreciated) our bank details are :

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