



Church Textiles Fundraising Marathon

Bassingbourn Parish Church

The Reason

Textiles are a way of bringing vibrant colour into our church building to mark the different points of the Church's year. Some of our existing altar frontals, lectern falls and Communion sets are showing their age. Wouldn't it be lovely to walk into the church and see new, colourful textiles that immediately remind us of the season we're in? At the same time we want to raise money for a new church centre, including toilets, meeting rooms and a kitchen, transforming our beautiful church building into a more comfortable and useful space for the church and the village as a whole.

The Scheme

Hopefully you will have noticed the new silk-painted altar frontal and accessories made for Pentecost 2011. This set could be one of FOUR SETS, celebrating the different seasons of the church year - **Purple** (Advent, Lent), **White** (Christmas, Easter and major festivals), **Red** (Pentecost), **Green** (Ordinary Time). Each set, like the red you see, will give colour, life and fresh expression of each season, reminding us of the significant events and truths that are the foundations of our Christian faith. But it's up to you.....

Here's the bad news: they cost £2000 per set! Here's the good news: we - Melanie and Anne - will make them for free! Here's the catch: you still have to pay for them, but ALL the money you give (less the cost of materials) will go into the fund for transforming our church.

Please give as much as you can. You might give in memory of a loved one, or buy a set or part of a set to mark your family's connection with this building to show that you value and care for this place that has been here for you and others whenever you've needed it.

Please make cheques payable to Bassingbourn PCC (please write 'Textiles' on the back), and Gift Aid your donation to increase its value. Cash donations should be put in a sealed envelope marked 'Textiles', and on Sundays be put in the plate, and at other times be put through the Vicarage door.

You don't have to think too much - just give to make us work hard!

Nearly all the money for the Pentecost set has been given. As soon as the money's in for the next set we'll start making it.

Thank you, Melanie McFadyen and Anne Cross

