

## PARTICIPATION

Our Bell Restoration Project was launched in 2012 by the Covington PCC under the auspices of our Vicar Stephen Bowring and Church Wardens Peter Sewell and Kathy Henderson. Richard Brown willingly volunteered to use his experience to set in motion the fund raising Appeal. Within a very short time he had received numerous responses from residents, past residents, non residents and as many people that had ever had any connection with All Saints he could locate even as far away as the USA. Meanwhile an event was held in the Church with a video link to the tower and an excellent display of the history of the Church and bells painstakingly constructed by Mary-Ann Parsons, who also gave an interesting account of the history and architectural features of the building. The sums raised together with promises of further donations gave sufficient impetus to the PCC to prepare for the Restoration Project. Most of the residents of the village as well as the Fitzwilliam family Trust that had longstanding historical association with the Church had generously participated. Further grants were secured from All Churches Trust, Garfield Weston, AmeyCespa and the Heritage Lottery Fund the clerical work for which was carried out by Ted Triance.

Once the restoration work began interest, physical assistance and an involvement in a variety of tasks has been unhesitatingly offered by almost every member of our small community. Some of which are recorded in the sample of images displayed on this page and other pages ably captured by John Turrell and Peter Sewell.