



# St Chad's College, Durham



## The Mark Roberts Chapel Appeal



# The College Chapel

Since 1904 when St Chad's College was founded, the Chapel has been an important part of its life. Our current chapel has been much loved by generations of Chadsians since it was first erected - as a temporary structure - in 1927! A humble building under the shadow of a great cathedral, St Chad's College Chapel has maintained a distinctive tradition of Anglican liturgy with its beautiful heritage of choral music sung by our outstanding student choir.

As a place of welcome for everyone, an oasis of peace in stressful times, and the College's spiritual home, the chapel is also a vital asset for our outreach engagement with local schools as well as for our public cultural programme - music, poetry, lectures and discussions.



# Mark Roberts

Mark studied at St Chad's from 1991 to 1996; he grew to love the College and its many traditions. He served as Chapel Warden and also sang in the choir.

Returning to work at the College as Director of Development and Alumni Relations in 2012, Mark built up a strong supportive alumni community and successfully oversaw our campaign to raise £1m to fund scholarships for students who would otherwise have found Durham inaccessible.



Mark loved the chapel and saw its restoration as of vital importance. It is for this reason that, after his untimely death at only 49, we are launching this appeal in his honour.



# The work proposed

Our surveyor has identified that urgent work is needed to save the chapel from becoming unusable and a potential liability. Much of the original construction involved using asbestos panels and roof tiles, many of which are now in a poor state of repair.



We plan to carry out urgent refurbishment work to restore the chapel to a sound and safe state by:

- Replacing the roof with new tiles
- Re-wiring
- Making safe the interior asbestos panels
- Repairing the exterior

Provisional cost indications are in the region of £200,000.



# Funding secured to date



Thanks to a generous legacy and two significant gifts, our appeal fund has already secured 25% (£50,000) of the overall cost of this project.

We hope that many friends and supporters will see this as an opportunity to provide a lasting and meaningful memorial to Mark and the place he loved, and to preserve the Chapel for future generations to enjoy.





# Ways to give?

**A direct payment to the College via Bank Transfer allows us to make the most of your gift.**

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**If you can make a gift to the appeal via BACS - please complete this form [HERE](#)**

**If you would like to set up Gift-Aid giving for this and any future donations, please contact our finance office [catherine.theobald@durham.ac.uk](mailto:catherine.theobald@durham.ac.uk)**

**Please help us to restore our beloved Chapel to its former glory for future generations of Chadsians!**

**Thank you for your generous support.**





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