

Heavenly Father,
in your love you have made us all
wonderfully different but with the same
basic needs for love, security, self-respect,
sufficient food,
clean water and sanitation.

Through our individual generosity towards
our 'Spend-a-Penny' Appeal, may we shrink
the inequalities of our world so that more
people can live
in dignity and good health.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen



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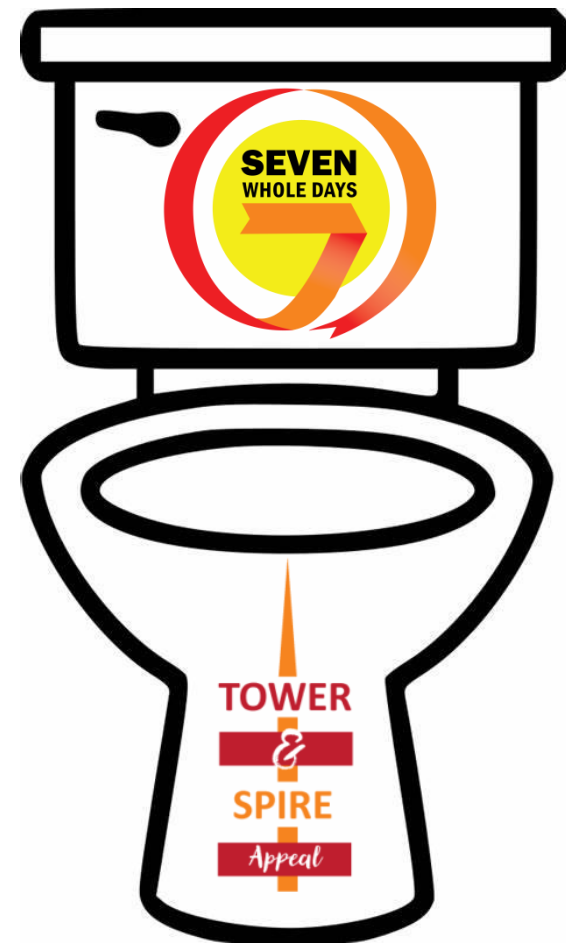
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Spending a penny costs...



Spending a penny costs . . . £40,000

As part of the Tower and Spire Project and our Seven Whole Days Vision, our toilet facilities are going to be upgraded. Importantly, they will become partitioned off from the Sitzler Room to make them more available (whatever else is happening in the building). They will also be warm with hot running water. The church and its rooms will become a more attractive space to hire out so we can hopefully grow our lettings as an income stream.

Spending a penny costs . . . dignity

One of the three cubicles will be fully accessible for baby changing and those in wheelchairs. This will enable us to offer better hospitality to the community. It's important that everyone can and want to use our facilities and since we lost the previous accessible toilet to become our boiler room we have not been able to offer a full welcome to all.

Spending a penny costs . . . lives

We have committed to donate one-tenth of what we raise through this Appeal to assist in providing better sanitation for communities elsewhere in the world, including through the toilet twinning initiative of the charity, Tearfund. This means that by donating to the Appeal you will also be ensuring that others most in need will get access to clean running water and adequate sanitation. It is only right that as we spend money on our own building we also ensure others across the globe benefit too.

Spending a penny costs . . . everyone!

Many people have already generously donated time and energies to our Tower and Spire Appeal and supported our fundraising events. But we have not asked directly for you to contribute to the cost of the overall project . . . until now. We believe that over the summer (while the work on the toilets is being carried out) we can get a long way towards funding it in its entirety.

The success of the campaign will not only be dependent upon the total raised but also the number of people who give – our target is for 100% of people to give something! If we exceed our total, any additional funds will be put to the overall Tower and Spire Appeal.

Please don't leave it to the few who often give so much. Instead please think about giving as much as you can (however much that may be) and if possible Gift Aiding the amount by using the enclosed orange envelope so that the tax man spends his penny too!

THANK YOU!