

THIEVES STEAL LEAD FROM NEWBOLD CHURCH ROOF — AGAIN !



Church Roof showing missing lead



Tarpaulins protecting pews

The Vicar of St Botolph's, Newbold, was shocked on Sunday morning when he entered the church to find water in the Nave and on the pews. He looked up and saw daylight through the roof! Lead thieves had struck again. The two worst rainstorms for 20 years pouring through the roof resulted in sodden pew cushions, carpets awash and many books destroyed. The pictures show where the lead was stolen, and the chaos inside the church. Rev. Paul Wilkinson said "We were to have a sophisticated roof alarm fitted this week, and the lead which was stolen earlier replaced. We think it will cost about £30,000 to repair all the damage. We can't claim any more on insurance, so we're now reliant on fund raising and the generosity of all those who care about this beautiful Grade 1 listed building." A Just Giving page has been set up so that donations can be made at

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stbotolphschurch-newboldonavon>