

Tolpuddle Old Chapel Update
August 2023

The renovation work on Tolpuddle Old Chapel is now completed and we look forward to opening the Chapel for visitors and residents as soon as we are able to do so. Sadly, we are not yet able to open the Chapel unattended, on account of three acts of malicious vandalism that have taken place. This is deeply regrettable, but our first priority must be to conserve the building, and leaving the door open is therefore not an option. We will be staffing the Chapel with volunteers for limited opening hours, and these will be posted on a board outside the Chapel as soon as we are able to organise this. If any residents would like to volunteer for such a purpose they would be most welcome to contact us at: deliverymanager@tolpuddleoldchapeltrust.org

On behalf of the Trustees I would like to thank the people of Tolpuddle for their forbearance during the Chapel's renovations. I know this cannot have been easy, particularly for those residents in close proximity.

The Chapel now moves into its second stage, with a new Board of Trustees. We ask for your patience and understanding while we establish ourselves as a working Board. We will shortly be undertaking broader consultations with people and organisations in the village, and we will subsequently be holding 'open hours' so that residents can pop in with their ideas, and hear more about our plans.

Philip Martin, Chair, Tolpuddle Old Chapel Trust