

## St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council Organ Restoration Fund

**We are seeking to raise £60,000 to restore our remarkable church organ and its case in the church of St Michael and All Angels, Moccas, Herefordshire.**

**Moccas** is a tiny, scattered, rural village just south of the river Wye, in west Herefordshire, nine miles from the Welsh border. It is mentioned in the Domesday Book, 1086, as being held in part by St Guthlac's Priory, Hereford and in part by Nigel 'the Physician'. Moccas is famous for its private deer park, a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest, which contains ancient oaks, celebrated in Kilvert's diaries, pied flycatchers, ravens and a herd of fallow deer probably originating from Norman times. One or two of the oldest trees are as old as our church.



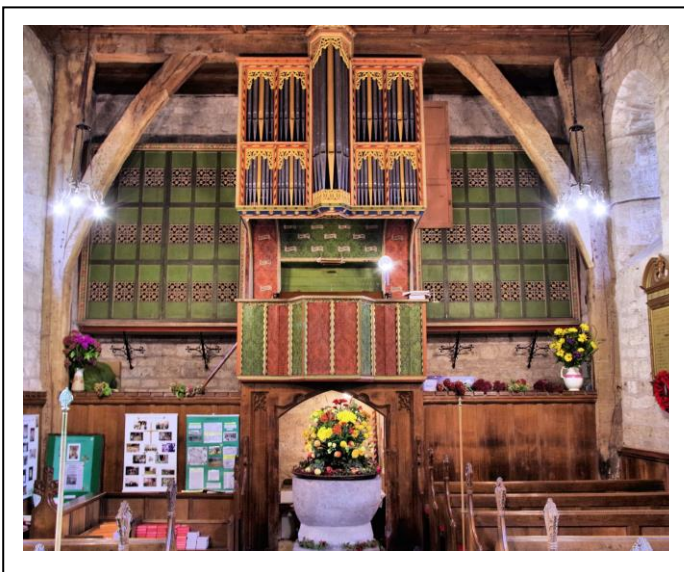
**Moccas Church** is a very special Norman three-celled apsidal Church, built in 1130 AD by the same masons who built Kilpeck Church. It is made of tufa and is intact, with a Norman font and two Norman doorways, and some fourteenth century stained glass.

The church is on the site of the former Moccas Abbey which was destroyed by invading Saxons around 600 AD.

The ground plan of the church has not changed in nearly 1000 years. The church is Grade 1 listed and is included in Simon Jenkins' 1000 Best Churches. It has been in continuous use since it was built.

**Moccas church organ** is of high quality; design and construction by RW Walker in 1871, installed by the Rector, Reverend Sir George Cornwall of Moccas Court, for whom Walkers had moved and reconstructed a chamber organ the previous year in Moccas Court.

The Moccas Church organ and the Moccas Court organ were both maintained by Walkers until 1913, when the Moccas Court organ was removed in 1913, possibly to Croft Castle.



**The casing of the Moccas church organ** was designed by George Gilbert Scott Junior and painted by Thomas Kempe.

George Gilbert Scott also created the church pews in the nave and the returned stalls in the chancel.

**The organ is in need of restoration** and quotes for the work are in the region of £60,000.

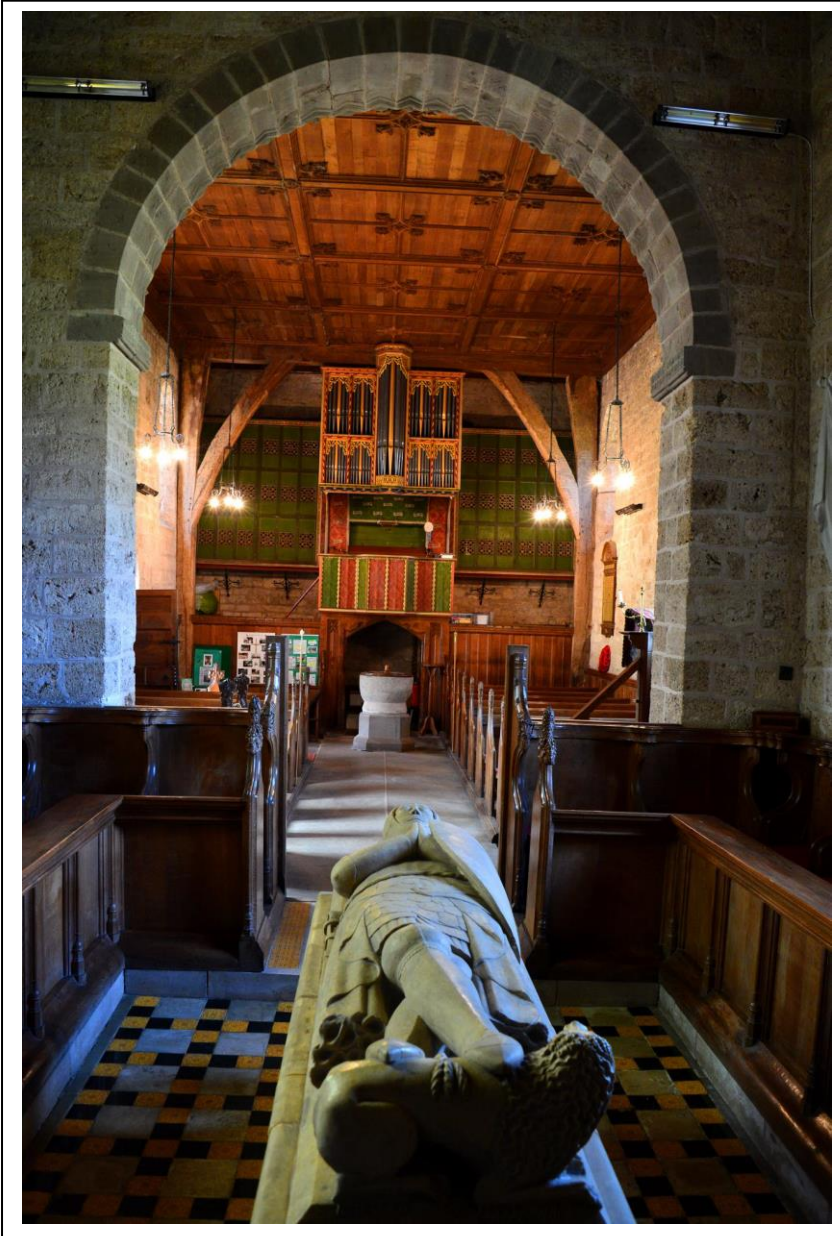
This seems an immense figure but the organ is part of a special heritage which we hope to preserve for future generations.

**We will be holding some organ recitals and hope you will come and bring your friends and families**

## **Pipe sponsorship is another way of helping the appeal.**

You can sponsor a pipe in your own name, as a gift for someone (an excellent Christmas or Birthday present), or in memory of a loved one.

Names of those sponsoring a pipe will be entered in a special Book of Dedication which will be kept in the church.



### **The pipes are:**

#### ***Pedal Organ***

Bourdon

#### ***Great Organ***

Open Diapason  
Stop Diapason Bass  
Clarabel  
Dulciana  
Principal  
Stopped Flute  
Twelfth  
Fifteenth

#### ***Swell Organ***

Horn Diapason  
Stop Diapason Bass  
Stopped Diapason  
Oboe

***We are extremely grateful for your support***

Please indicate which pipe you wish to sponsor: .....

Name on dedication to be recorded in the Commemorative Book: .....

Address for Dedication Commemorative Certificate: .....

**We welcome *all* donations of any size, whether sponsoring a pipe or simply as a donation.  
Donations may be made electronically or by cheque to:**

Moccas PCC Organ Restoration Fund  
Sort Code: 30-80-55  
Account number: 77241760

Please post cheques to our Treasurer: Harvey Thornton, Vine Cottage, Moccas, Herefordshire HR2 9LQ

Whichever payment method you decide to use, we would be grateful if you would complete the Gift Aid form and send it to the Treasurer so that we can reclaim the tax.

### **Gift Aid declaration – for present & future donations**

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made

today  in the future

*Please tick the boxes you wish to apply.*

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

#### **Donor's details:**

Title: ..... First name or initial(s): .....

Surname: .....

Full home address: .....

Postcode: .....

Date: .....

Signature: .....

Please notify the PCC if you want to cancel this declaration, Change your name or home address, No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay income tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.