

# BATS IN CHURCHES



## St Mary CLOTHALL Hertfordshire



### The Issue

Bats have been roosting in St Mary's church for many years. The smell, droppings and urine from the large number of bats has a significant impact. The Lady Chapel is particularly seriously affected.



### What We Did

Bat surveys in summer 2021 revealed the presence of three bat species in the church: Common Pipistrelles, Brown Long-eared Bats and a *Myotis* sp.

The ecologist proposed installing a boxed eave in the Lady Chapel. The church has not been able to go ahead with this due to lack of funds.

St Mary's held a successful bat walk in August 2021 and, with the local bat group, takes part in the NBMP.

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