

Upholstery Classes at Lower Tatham Church

The Upholstery Classes began in January 2017 as a way of using the Church for community activities now that the building is fully heated and the organ has been removed.

The classes are especially for local people who want to come regularly and enjoy the camaraderie and fun of working on their project alongside others doing different upholstery projects. I aim to have no more than 6 people for each session so that I can give everyone the help they need.

When

The Upholstery classes are held every Wednesday in the mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm and afternoons from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. You can choose to come either morning or afternoon or both and you don't have to come every week if you have other commitments. Just let me know a week ahead whether you wish to book for the following week.

Where

The venue is Lower Tatham Church which is signposted off the road between Wennington and Wray, near the Bridge Inn. You park in the church car park and then walk 40 yards up the lane to a small iron gate on the left, up 3 steps and into the back of the Church through the Vestry door. This is a beautiful church and a lovely setting for the upholstery classes. It is warm and welcoming and there is plenty of space and a wc. Tea/coffee and biscuits are provided and we have a mid morning and a mid afternoon break.

Your project

You can make a footstool or headboard from new and I can supply the base and foam plus all the equipment and materials you will need. You need to provide the top fabric or I can help you to find one. I can also order legs of your choice for a footstool. All the base, foam, legs and other materials you use are charged at cost

Or you can re-cover and refurbish one of your old chairs, footstools or dressing table stools. Again, all the tools and materials you need such as magnetic hammers, pincers, tack lifters, webbing, springs, horsehair, hessian, cotton felt and calico are available at the classes.

Pneumatic staplers are provided or you can use an electric hand-stapler if you prefer. Safety glasses are also provided for everyone.

Cost

The cost of a class is £16 for each 3-hour session plus an initial deposit and booking fee of £25. Beginners need to do a 4-week course to learn all the basic skills and can continue to be taught new skills for as long as they wish. Once you feel able to manage on your own with minimal supervision then the cost of each class is £10 per session to use the facilities. You pay at the end of each session for the class and the materials you have used, preferably in cash.

A list of things you need to bring is on the next page. If you have any questions please phone or email at any time.

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What you need to bring

All equipment and tools will be provided but you might like to bring some basic equipment of your own:

Scissors for cutting fabric and smaller scissors which cut well at the ends

Small bath towel to use under your project

Ordinary needlework pins in a pin cushion

Tape measure

12in/30cm ruler

Pen and notepad

Felt tip pen

Camera/iPad/phone camera to take photos of your progress

A box or bag to keep your equipment in

Top fabric if you have one already (otherwise I will help you to find one)

Bring your project if you are re-covering something

A bag for your rubbish (offcuts, etc)

You might like to wear an apron to protect your clothes