



St. Paul's Church in Staverton

Yours for £50,000: Grade II-listed church which can be turned into a home... as long as you don't mind funerals taking place in the garden.

St. Paul's Church in Staverton, Wilts, closed after parishioner numbers fell.

The 13th century building is now being sold by the Diocese of Salisbury.

But the buyer will not own the graveyard which remains open to mourners.

With an 18ft-high ceiling, stained-glass windows, whitewashed internal walls and an estimated price of only £50,000, it looks like a property developer's dream.

But being surrounded by gravestones could make selling it something of a problem. St. Paul's church in Staverton, Wiltshire, is being sold by the Diocese of Salisbury, with bids invited from developers to convert the Grade II listed building into a private home.



Future inhabitants will have to get used to grieving relatives visiting burial sites - as well as actually holding funerals in the grounds.

The 19th-century building closed its doors in March 2011 because of dwindling parishioner numbers and a dilapidated structure.

Whoever buys the building will not own the graves - and will have to allow mourners to visit the headstones and allow for the burial of people who have already reserved plots.

The church boasts stained glass windows, a nave and vestry, and is listed as being of Special Architectural and Historic Interest along with its

iron churchyard gates.

Estate agent Colliers International is handling the sale and expects the building to go for around £50,000.

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