

Chislehurst Methodist Church Refurbishment Scheme

'Building for the future'



Funding Appeal

2009 - 2011

Our aim is to renew the worship and mission of Chislehurst Methodist Church and to refurbish the premises to meet the changing needs of our local community.

What is the plan?

1. To improve the interior of the church to reflect an inviting, welcoming, caring, worshipping community; family friendly, with access for those who are disabled. The changes will enable a variety of styles of worship and provide comfortable concert/conference space for appropriate community use all within an eco friendly building.

2. To refurbish the ancillary rooms. This will include a new foyer area, uniting the church with enhanced ancillary premises and providing good social space for all users, currently 26 organisations.

The plan is in three parts:

Part A The Church

- Remove pews. Add carpet and new chairs
- Renew vestry with office and kitchen area. Improve access to room above.
- New sound, heating, lighting, projection systems
- New toilet with wheelchair access at the back of the church
- New side entrance into the church through glass doors creating new welcome area adjacent to the crèche in existing side chapel.
- New glass roofed foyer uniting church and ancillary premises providing good access to new church entrance described above.

Part B The Ancillary Premises

- Refurbish kitchen
- Refurbish toilets
- Fit new double glazed windows in hall
- Open up old vestry with arches to provide attractive extra social space as part of new foyer area
- Redecorate, fit carpet throughout, new exhibition display area
- Improve storage facilities for all users

Part C Extending the premises – by creating new meeting rooms on top of the hall and possibly the Epworth room. This is dependent on finding a partner organisation who is interested in funding and using the new rooms. ***We are not appealing for funds for this.***

How much will it cost?

We need £500,000 to complete all the work in A and B above.

NB: No commitment for expenditure will be undertaken unless funds are already available, or contractually committed, to a sum of more than 80% of the expenditure in question.

Where is the money coming from?

Capital available:

£150,000, from the Circuit Advance Fund

£40,000, existing savings and money raised from lettings

Applications in process:

£54,000 from Methodist Church funds, comprised of the Joseph Rank Foundation, the Fund for Property, and the Connexional Advance Priority Fund.

£40,000 anticipated from other sources

Fundraising events:

£15,000 (over 3 years) sales, merchandise, challenges, concerts, and social events.

Added together this is almost 60% of our target.

Potential loan:

£60,000 from Methodist Chapel Aid which clearly would need to be repaid over an agreed period.

After a great deal of exploratory work, consultation, discussion, prayer and reflection over the last three years we are now nearly ready to start work. To bring our plans to fruition we are launching this appeal for personal gifts.

Our target for personal gifts:

£140,000

If all donations are Gift Aided this net amount is reduced to

£110,000

*Please will you help us realise this target so that we can resource our vision for renewal, building on the past and **building for the future.***

Financial control:

Budgetary control will be exercised by the Church Treasurer, Susan Attwood, in association with Edward Battarbee.

Ms Attwood will report to the Refurbishment Team, who in turn report to the Church Council, the managing trustees.

Making a gift

To make a gift please see the attached letter or send your gift to the Minister:

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NB Gift Aid: Please Gift Aid every amount that you give. This means that a gift of £100 becomes £128.00

Please complete the slip below and put it in with your gift. Cheques payable to Chislehurst Methodist Church marked on the back: **Funding Appeal**.

Grateful thanks.

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I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Church to treat all donations I make on or after 6th April 2000 as Gift Aid donations.

Full name:

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Signature: