

St Luke's Church Maidenhead

New Opportunities for the Church and Community



We are about to implement some projects which will provide:

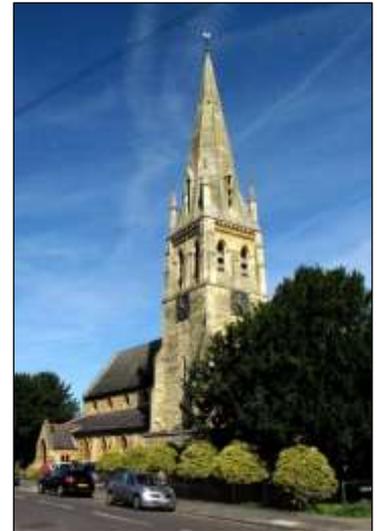
- A more welcoming entrance to the Church via glazed doors
- A community space which can be used for a whole variety of activities
- A servery at the back of the Church to provide a regular drop-in café
- Worship spaces which are adaptable to many different forms of worship and community activities
- A comfortable gentle and quiet space that may be used for prayer, meditation and reflection
- A new disabled-compliant toilet and baby changing facility
- Improved accessibility to ensure equal access
- A revised clergy vestry and choir robing area
- An efficient, secure and private parish office space
- A pleasant churchyard environment.



Why Change?

St Lukes' is a beautiful mid-Victorian church located on Norfolk Road. In 2016 we celebrated our 150th birthday.

Due to our inclusive ethos, central location, large size and excellent acoustics our building currently provides a wide range of social, cultural and religious activities for the whole local community.



We have a strong commitment to social awareness and action. We also have an inter-faith programme involving other faith organisations in Maidenhead, including in particular the Maidenhead Mosque and Islamic Centre.

However, like many Victorian churches, significantly greater use could be made of the space available within the building. For some years we have been considering the best way to do this and we are about to embark on this relatively simple new development programme which is intended to benefit the whole community. It is, after all, the parish's church.



Activities which currently take place within St Luke's Church include:

- a wide variety of worship opportunities – parish Holy Communion, informal Taize services, Book of Common Prayer Sung Evensong, All Age worship, and much more...
- a biannual Music festival and a wide variety of concerts;
- school visits and support;
- support for those who are disadvantaged;
- inter-faith activities;
- hosting regular community groups and events;



- exhibitions;
- breathing and stretching classes;
- business community events;
- our annual Christmas Tree Festival;
- fundraising for other charities;

- parent and baby activities (e.g. Bach to Baby, Messy Church);
- activities for the elderly (e.g. Thursday Teas).



Timescales, costs and impact

The work is due to start in August 2017 and to finish in November 2017. We aim to raise £85,000 from grant giving organisations, companies and other donors to match the £85,000 we have already allocated. The total cost of the collection of projects is around £170,000.



If you or anyone you know would be interested in sponsoring one or more of these projects, or would like more details of the individual projects, please contact us at the addresses given below:

There may be limited disruption on Norfolk Road when water mains are connected. We will notify our neighbours, as necessary.

To find out more contact:

Chairman of the Fundraising Group: Dr Ian Gilchrist ig@crestcons.net
Vicar: Revd. Sally Lynch' sally514@btinternet.com

Or see our website for more details: www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

Once the work commences we will post a weekly update (with photos) on the website.

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