

### Find Us Here

Lowther Street Across the road from the shops.. yes, behind those trees!

Going to the church hall? It's the door set back on the right.

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# Building a Haven

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We seek to become a HAVEN in the Groves

### Our aims

Our vision is to become a HAVEN in the Groves.

HAVEN is an acronym for our aims to be:

- Hospitable
- Accessible
- Versatile
- Environmentally-friendly
- Nurturing our community

## Connecting

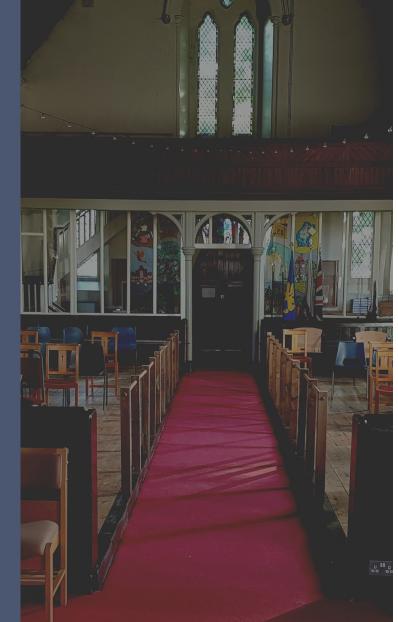
#### Welcoming the community

We currently host a weekly cafe, a drop-in support group, the Peaced Together course, Babes and Tots groups, Download, computer skills courses, choir and jazz band rehearsals, the polling station and one-off events. We'd love to grow the community use of our spaces - that's central to this project!

#### Collaborating

We'd love to work with community groups to make the Groves a better place. Let us know if you have a project in mind.





# Creating a versatile space

### for community use

A level floor with accessible toilet and refreshment facilities to welcome all.

# The 'to do' list

Our plans cover several areas of the church building

- Repairing the stonework to provide a safe and watertight building
- Re-landscaping the outside space to look more welcoming
- Conducting an energy efficiency audit and designing a low-carbon heating system
- Creating a level floor in the main church to suit flexible community use
- Installing an accessible toilet
- Adding refreshment facilities to the main space

These areas will be supplemented by new audio-visual equipment, storage and redecorating.

## What will it cost?

The whole project will probably cost around £900,000.

We'll split this into two phases, with the first phase costing around £520,000. Even if we get a large lottery grant, this means we'll need to raise a further £300,000 for Phase 1.

You can help by donating, organising a fundraising event, joining our grants team, or planning to leave a legacy to support the running of the church in future.