



## How can you help?

All the work carried out so far has been paid for through the generosity of church members. We were able to employ a project manager and pay for some of the work though the generosity of Barbara Martin who left £75,000 to the church in her Will many years ago. What a legacy she has left!

To continue the project we need to raise more money. Some of this could be provided through grants.

### Ways to help:

- donating to the Building a Haven Fund
- organising fundraising event(s)
- leaving a legacy by Will
- giving your time to help with gardening and decorating projects
- using skills you may have to apply for grants
- help with publicity and community engagement in our project.

QR code linking to our justgiving page



## Connecting with Us

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# Building a Haven





## Our Aim

Our vision is to be a HAVEN in The Groves. A place where people of all ages can encounter the living God and are nurtured and grow in their relationship with Jesus. We want to be caring, prayerful, generous and creative.

Our building project is part of this vision – a flexible and welcoming space for the church and community. This involves work to the inside and outside of the building and gardens.

## What has happened so far

Since 2020 we have achieved a lot. We employed Claire Smith to help get our project off the ground, appointed an architect and later a building contractor. A huge amount of effort and time has been given by our Buildings Team to plan, oversee and carry out work. All the work required detailed approval by the Diocese.

- ✓ Removal of pews
- ✓ New Chairs
- ✓ Floor Levelling throughout church
- ✓ New automated Front Doors
- ✓ Upgrades to sound & vision

## Next Steps



### Fundraising

Raise funds and seek grants for the further work planned



### Redecorating interior

Redecorating the somewhat tired interior of the church – partly to be carried out by volunteers.



### More Chairs & Tables

Purchasing more of our chairs to accommodate our growing congregation. Some new round tables for cafe-style church and other events.



### Accessible Toilet

We plan to build an accessible toilet area near the church entrance. This will help with accessibility and enable the church to be used as a separate space from the hall.



### Serving refreshments

We want to make and serve hot drinks in the church. Again, important for using the church as a separate space & providing a welcoming place for people to gather.



### Outside & More.....

Plans include redesign of the church frontage, removing the railings & creating a welcoming courtyard area. There is also a considerable amount of work needed to repair our crumbling stonework.