

Aldridge Parish Church Building Project

Building, Growing, Praying



We want to spiritually build disciples and we want to physically build and improve our facilities

We want to grow both our numbers and our community links

We want to be a place where people can worship in spirit and in truth

Mission Action Plan

For over 700 Years, Aldridge Parish Church has served the community of Aldridge and also supported outreach all over the world.

We give grateful thanks for the many clergy and lay people who have faithfully served the Lord and his people here and for the legacy that we enjoy today.

We identify with God's call today to find fresh ways of expressing Christ's love in the 21st Century world.

In order to do that effectively we believe we need to sensitively update the facilities in our beautiful church and also create modern functional accommodation for the many activities that both grow our church family and make provision for people in our community



*Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide, do
not hold back; lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes*

Isaiah 54:2

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APC Building Group

The Building Group has about a dozen members and has been exploring the possibilities for replacing the old Church Rooms for the last 10 years! Membership has changed over that time but Pete Ford and Kate Watson have been in for the long haul!

Richard Cornfield
Rector!



Pete Ford
Chair of Building
Group



Kate Watson
Project Manager

Jenny Hopley
Administrator



Alan Winsor
Planning Consultant



Tony Phillips
Church Fabric

Helen Gilbert
Publicity and
Communications



Andy Hardisty
Finance and Bidding

On 15th February this year Peter Ford preached from the Book of Nehemiah and outlined our vision for enhancing our Church building and replacing the Church Rooms. His sermon can be found on our website www.aldridgeparishchurch.org

Our main aims for this year are to improve the fabric of our church and obtain planning permission for the new Church Rooms



1. Obtain planning permission.
2. Obtain faculty to remove organ.
3. Remove organ.
4. Remove church kitchen.
5. Install drinks preparation area.
6. Get grants for stonework repairs.
7. Get stonework repaired.

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The Church Rooms

Fantastic Stuff goes on in these rooms right through the week!



Problem is - they're not big enough and they're falling apart!

Getting the Design Right!

We know from past experience that Planning Permission can be an issue. In planning to replace the church rooms we need a design that will win the hearts and minds of the planners and that will be fully functional in meeting the needs of the many different user groups.

Richard, Jenny, Pete, Kate and Alan have had several meetings with our Architect, Phil Powell, to make sure he understands all our needs. These must include large and small meeting spaces, well designed offices, a secure indoor and outdoor environment for small children, an ergonomically designed kitchen, and we want the building to be as environmentally friendly as possible.

As soon as we have more detailed drawings from the Architect we will be consulting with you again and particularly with the user groups. Please talk to us! Things usually only go wrong if people don't talk to each other!!!

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So now what?

"As the planning authorities will not allow the existing Church Rooms to be used indefinitely, a new church hall will soon become a necessity and your PCC are of the opinion that a fund for this purpose should now be started."



Parish Church Committee May 1977!!!

Since then the church itself has been re-ordered and various adaptations made. In fact the re-ordering took place in 1991, during the last recession, when by God's grace, every £ needed was given freely.

Now during another time of recession we are being called to look to our God to find the means to complete this Building Project.

We anticipate that it will cost £1.2 Million to replace the Church Rooms and to maintain the Church itself as our worship centre, with a new digital organ and sound system. These buildings will allow the development of the ministry and outreach that is the potential of this church. We expect that one third of the total cost can be obtained through the sale of land and through bidding for grants.

We need everyone to

PRAY - that God's work will prosper and not be hindered

SHARE - our vision for growth and service

GIVE - we all need to review our giving from time to time. We would ask you to consider investing in God's work in Aldridge and beyond through:

- regular giving
- a one off donation
- an interest free loan
- using your time to organise fundraising events
- leaving a legacy to the church one day!

We are committed to giving a percentage of all money raised to support mission both at home and overseas.

Above all please keep praying and talking to us about your vision and hopes for the ministry of our Church in Aldridge