

Aim

We want to redecorate and upgrade the church hall, including the vestry, the toilets and hopefully the kitchen, so that they are clean and safe, warm and welcoming, and able to meet the needs of a large number of different users.

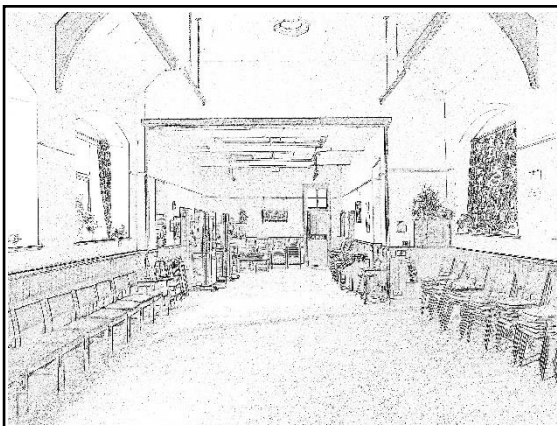
Some Details

It has become apparent over the last couple of years that both the heating and lighting needs upgrading, the carpet is coming to the end of its life, and it's time once again to redecorate. At the same time, the quinquennial report has pointed to a number of additional works that need attention – cleaning the skylights in the hall and vestry; a fire door between the hall and vestry; and the porch and accessible toilet which is suffering from some damp/condensation because of the lack of heating.

Rather than address all of these issues in a piecemeal way, this is a proposal to refurbish 'right through' and in 'one go' so as to get it done and also reduce the amount of disruption.

How much will it cost?

At the moment the only price we have is to upgrade the heating in the hall – about £6,000. We estimate a total cost (including VAT) of between £20,000 and £30,000.



How will we pay for it?

The Church Council has considered how much the church has in its reserves and feels that we are able to afford to spend £10,000 from those reserves on such a project.

A bequest of £1,000 was recently received and this will also be put towards the cost.

We've approached the Gillinggate Trust for a grant and they have awarded us a further £1,000.

That still leaves somewhere between £8,000 and £18,000 still to raise.

For most people, the easiest way to raise this is through direct giving – members of the church community making donations towards this work. This reduces the need for a small number of volunteers to organise a large amount of fundraising events over a long period of time.

Can you make a donation or pledge to support this work?

We are asking everyone connected with the church to consider over the next six weeks (by 31 January) if they are able to make an immediate donation, or pledge to make a donation at some point in 2022. We understand that everyone will want to help – but that not everyone will be able to give immediately. Although there is a large amount still to raise, whatever you can afford, and however you wish to pay – we'll be very grateful. All donations and pledges will be treated in the strictest confidence and only our treasurer, Alan, will know the details.

Prayer

We surround all that we do as a church community with prayer – and that applies to this project to refurbish the hall and raise the funds to do it. Please look out for details of the special prayer meetings that will be organised in December and January.

Donation / Pledge

Name(s) _____

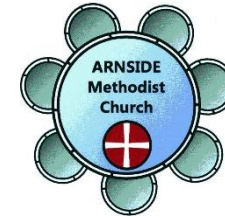
Amount £ _____ One-off gift / Monthly gift

I/we donate/pledge the above amount towards the cost of the refurbishment of the Church Hall at Arnside Methodist Church.

Please pass this information on to our Church Treasurer, Alan Gardner, who will keep it confidential.

Please let us know by 31 January 2022.

Thank You.



Arnside Methodist Church

Proposal to Refurbish our Church Hall



From the Vestry to the Hall to the Kitchen to the Toilets:

Decorate

Upgrade the Lighting

New Flooring

Improved Heating

Extra Storage

Better Kitchen Facilities

Clean the skylights

Our Prayer Group meets every Wednesday evening in church from 7.00pm. These meetings are always open to everyone.

We will have the refurbishment of the church hall and the fundraising campaign as our particular prayer focus on:

Wednesday 8 December and Wednesday 26 January

and also at an extra prayer gathering in church at 11.00am on Wednesday 8 December

Please join us if you can