

Response

As we set out on this project and begin to gather quotes and explore charities, it is vital that we turn to prayer. Please do:

- become freshly aware of God's love towards St Helen's and our community in Trowell
- pray for the life of the community
- pray for the mission of St Helen's
- pray for our work with young people, and for the provision of a Youth Worker
- pray for the development of our church office

Also pray for financial provision and for enthusiasm for what the Cottage can be used for.

Do contact Richard Denyer or Martin North if you would like to give financially to this project. Let Andy Lord know any ideas as to how we could use the Cottage resource.



Rev Andy Lord is overseeing the project and Sue Elmer is co-ordinating the search for charity funding. For more details contact Andy on 0115 849 5195



Cottage Resource Project

Aim: To develop the Cottage attached to the Church Hall as a resource to serve the community of Trowell as enabled by St Helen's Church.

This is a project that has been prayerfully planned and considered for more than a year.

It fits with our plans for a Youth Worker and the development of the church office

It springs from the call to walk with Jesus in mission, and the results of the Trowell Parish Plan.



We will be looking to raise a total of £40,000 and will be approaching charities to help with this.

Details: Through a redeveloped Cottage we could better enable pastoral care, youth work and information sharing in the community. This is an expansion of our existing service to the community through the Church Hall which is used by all ages in the community and beyond – from toddlers to pre-school to youth groups and uniformed organisations, to luncheon clubs, choirs and many more. The Trowell Parish Plan identified a need for a resource to serve as meeting rooms and drop-in centre, with 30% of respondents valuing such a resource. St Helen's is also seeking to build on the good work of its last paid youth worker and this resource would act as a base for a new worker and their youth work in the parish. The resource would also house the church office that serves the Benefice of Trowell, Cossall and Awwsworth.

Work required:

The current layout of the Cottage would be changed to enable the following:

- * two rooms downstairs that could be used for youth meetings, committees, drop-in mornings, community cafe etc.
- * drinks preparation area with sink and microwave
- * a disabled standard WC
- * upstairs open office, to seat administrator and youth worker, and provide an information point in the community
- * upstairs secure office for church filing, computer and other resources

Project Costs: The architect quoted a provisional cost of £45,000 including rewiring. We have already raised about £5,000 and hence we are looking for a further £40,000. More detailed quotes for the work will be obtained in due course, with some of the work needing to be carried out sooner than others.



More details...

A design by architects Martin Tucker Ltd suggests the following work that will need doing:

- * Removing the current kitchen and placing the disabled WC in its place
- * Creating a drinks preparation area in the conservatory, utilising items from the original kitchen
- * Reworking the drainage to enable the above
- * Rewire the house, upgrading the system as suitable for office and community use
- * Level the ground floor between the entrance and main room
- * Damp proof the cottage and replaster
- * Ensure cottage meets current fire regulations
- * Check roofs and repair accordingly
- * Redecorate throughout
- * Review and update the external buildings