The Future

Your contributions will ensure that St Nicholas Church can continue to serve the community of Bedhampton as a place where we can celebrate and commemorate life.

Community

As well as being home to a lively and active church, here are some organisations which in normal times regularly use the building and will benefit from improved facilities:

Mini Multiples Fun Club Friday Cafe Pilates Mothers' Union Women's Institute Cubs Beavers Scouts Explorers Rainbows Brownies Guides Slimming World Fine Arts Society Shall We Dance St Nick's Flicks Concerts Hall hire for family celebrations





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Flushed With Opportunity

Aim

We are going to completely upgrade the toilets in St Nicholas Church so that there are proper up to date facilities not only for the disabled and young children but everyone using our buildings.

Why?

It is an essential part of our vision that we are a place where the whole community can gather for celebration and commemoration but right now our toilet facilities make that difficult, if not impossible, for all of those we seek to serve.

Maintenance is ongoing but a major issue has arisen with the roof to the whole of the Gwatkin wing of our church. The roof is leaking in several places and is beyond localised repairs. It needs a complete new waterproof layer so we're proposing to do that at the same time as the toilets are being refurbished.



What do we have planned?

- · Disabled toilet provision and baby changing facility
- Three individual toilet units with hand basins designated one female, one male and one gender neutral giving safe use for all.
- Cleaners room with storage and up to date operating standards.
- Automatic lighting and ventilation to all rooms.

How can I help?

The total cost of the whole project including including VAT, contingencies, the roof and new rainwater goods will be £116,000 Bedhampton Parish Church Council have already committed £52,000 from church funds.

We are seeking donations from all who feel able to make them. We are also asking for short term interest free loans from members of our congregation. We need to meet the difference between the cost of the project and what we can immediately afford so that we can proceed with confidence with the building contract.

Obviously loans will have to be repaid so we must eventually raise $\pounds 64,000$ through donations and revenue. We will be seeking grants but even at the best of times this a slow process with no guaranteed outcomes. We expect to receive some relief on VAT because of the nature of the provision, and we also hope to save on contingencies so at the moment we're showing the worst case on costs.

Please return this separate donation / loan form in complete confidence by hand or post to the church office or to Mike Case our treasurer. If you are a UK tax payer please complete that section so we can recover the tax on your donation.

When will the work be done?

Work will start as soon as possible in 2021 once we have the confidence of donations and loans.

How long will it take?

The work should take about 12 weeks. During that time there will be some disruption to normal activities but the builder will be providing temporary WCs.