



# Space to Grow

CHRIST  
CHURCH  
KENSINGTON 

UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF A LOCAL LANDMARK

# OUR VISION



“ Consecrated in 1851, Christ Church Kensington was originally surrounded by fields and market gardens. It is often described as a ‘country church in Kensington’ – a peaceful place for people to worship and come together, even before the neighbourhood grew into the vibrant community it is today.

For the past four years, I have had the privilege of serving this church alongside a dedicated team. Together, we have worked hard to build a strong church family and a welcoming space that is already used throughout the week not just for church activities but for a range of community groups and local events.

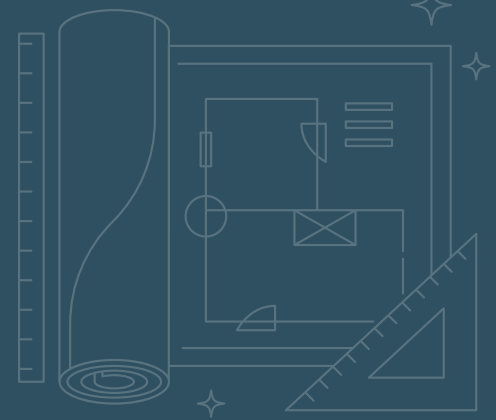
We now have the opportunity to take the next step – to open this space more fully to the wider community and enable it to be used in new and meaningful ways. This investment will allow more local businesses, organisations and community groups to use the building regularly.

With your support, Christ Church can continue to grow as a thriving, shared space at the heart of our community.



**BRIAN ELFICK**  
**VICAR OF CHRIST CHURCH**

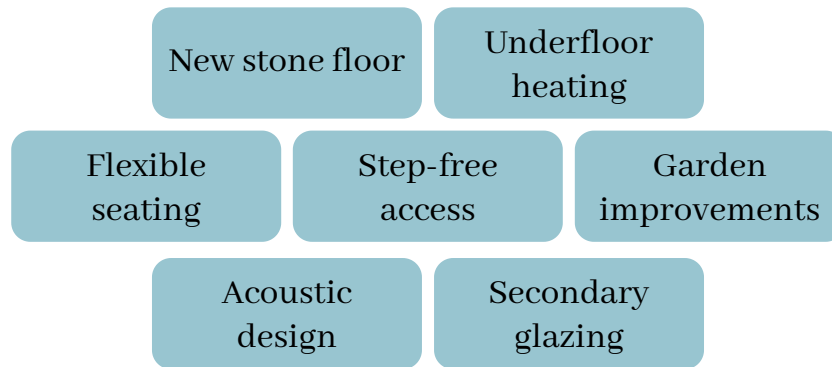
# PROJECT SUMMARY



## The context

At the moment, fixed pews limit how we can use our building, while stepped access excludes those with mobility challenges. Poor sound insulation impacts our neighbours and inefficient heating limits our sustainability.

## The proposal



## The ask

The total cost of the project is estimated at £600,000. Church members are committed to raising £300,000 and we are now asking friends, neighbours, local businesses and charitable foundations to help us raise the rest.



# BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER



“ Christ Church is a cornerstone of our community in Queen’s Gate Ward, providing both religious services and secular community events for all. As a former RBKC Mayor and current local councillor, I support their work to grow, enabling them to reach and help more local residents. ”



**WILL LANE**  
**RBKC COUNCILLOR**

We run a wide variety of events that strengthen connections in the local community and beyond. From building friendships to exploring faith, these activities help people of all ages to learn, grow and flourish:

- **Coffee mornings** – adults from the local area relax, chat and connect.
- **Playgroups** – children, parents and nannies meet, play and learn together.
- **Community meals** – neighbours of all ages share food and conversation.
- **Bible studies** – small groups explore faith and build relationships.
- **Youth events** – young people socialise, learn and build confidence.

A larger, adaptable space would allow us to welcome even more people and create new opportunities for the community.



# A RESOURCE FOR EVERYONE



Christ Church is a well-used local resource, providing a venue for a number of organisations and groups. A more flexible space will enable us to welcome even more people into the building and host a wider range of events, including:



- Concerts
- Christmas markets
- Summer fairs
- Wedding receptions
- Political hustings
- Neighbourhood drinks parties
- Fundraising dinners
- Charity balls

“ The Kensington and Chelsea Foundation has been hosted by Christ Church on several occasions. I had the privilege of addressing a large gathering at the Mayor’s Christmas service, and also met our local MP Joe Powell with supporters and charity partners to raise various issues of concern. Whilst compelling and successful, such events would have been materially enhanced by more comfortable seating, better acoustics and improved circulation space.



**RICHARD BRIANCE**  
**CHAIR OF THE K+C FOUNDATION**

[thekandcfoundation.com](http://thekandcfoundation.com)

# A WARM, FLEXIBLE, WELCOMING SPACE



By focusing on sustainability, accessibility and high-quality design, this project will transform our facilities into a welcoming, inclusive and versatile space for the entire community. These improvements are designed to create a first-rate venue that can host a wide range of activities, ensuring the church continues to serve everyone effectively now and for years to come.



**New garden landscaping** will enhance biodiversity and character.



**Acoustic design** will help the space accommodate a range of activities.



**Step-free entrance and wider paths** will improve accessibility.



**Underfloor heating** will improve comfort and save energy.



**Flexible seating** will accommodate people with different needs.



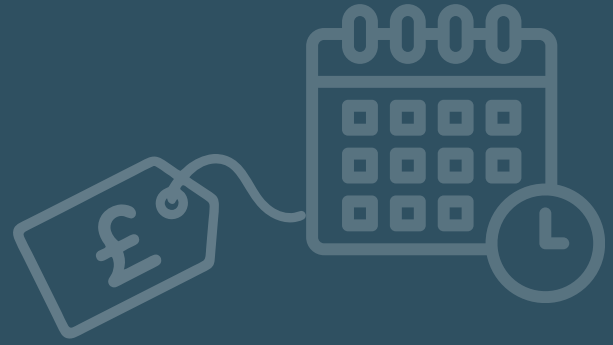
**Secondary glazing** will minimise noise for our neighbours.



**Permanent bike racks** will facilitate cycling with a tidy, dedicated area.

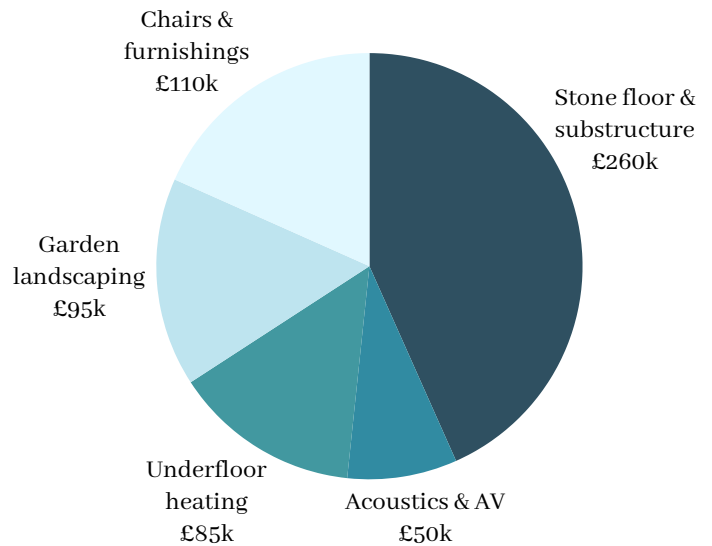


# COSTS, FUNDING AND TIMELINE



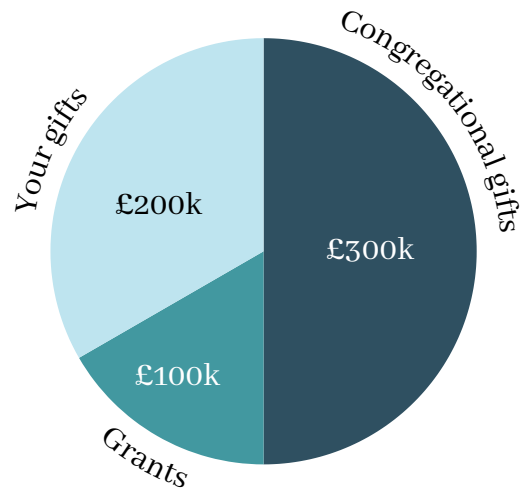
## Costs Breakdown

We need £600,000. Some of the largest costs come from the need to build a new floor structure, to meet the standards involved with a listed church building and to buy new chairs and accessories. This diagram shows the approximate cost of each part of the project.



## Funding Sources

We are raising funds from three main sources. The congregation already committed £200k in 2025 and will raise a further £100k. We are targeting £100k in grants from organisations that support community projects, listed buildings and sustainability. We need your help to raise the remaining £200k.



## Timeline



# HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN



## Register your interest:

We'd love to keep you updated about the project, future events and donor opportunities. Scan the QR code opposite or visit [christchurchkensington.com/spacetogrow](http://christchurchkensington.com/spacetogrow) to register your interest. Whether you're keen to donate, host events in the new space or just find out more, we want to hear from you!



## Ways to give:



**Donate online** at [christchurchkensington.com/spacetogrow](http://christchurchkensington.com/spacetogrow) or scan the QR code above.



**Email** Imogen Sprackling at [treasurer@christchurchkensington.com](mailto:treasurer@christchurchkensington.com) to discuss larger gifts, corporate support or tax-efficient giving.



**Gift Aid** increases the value of your donation by 25% at no cost to you, whilst higher-rate taxpayers can additionally claim 20–25% tax relief.

To thank you for your generosity, donors may be invited to exclusive events, offered early access to rent the new space at a reduced rate or recognised on our website and in publicity for the new space.

## Visit us:

Visit Christ Church and experience the vision for yourself. You can explore the plans, ask questions and meet members of the team. Open days will be announced soon. Register your interest as above to stay in the loop.