

**St Mildred's Church London SE12
Development Project**

**New church hall and
community space**



How you can help!

God has given us an exciting vision for replacing our (now demolished) church hall with a well-designed modern hall building for church and community use.

We now have planning permission for the new building and we are starting to take the project forward. To do this, we need a large sum of money and lots of help!

Financial contributions are always appreciated, but there are various other ways in which you can help, many at no cost to yourself.

Please have a look through this little booklet and consider whether you can assist in any of the ways suggested. Every contribution will be valuable and appreciated.

Thank you!

**To find out more about anything in this booklet, please email:
developmentproject@stmildreds.org.uk**

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Prayer

The most important and useful thing that any of us can do is pray!

Our faithful Heavenly Father has answered our prayers many, many times on the building project over recent years, particularly in supplying very significant funding and securing planning consent. We continue to trust our faithful Heavenly Father to provide for his work as we move forward.

We give thanks to God:

- for his ever-present guidance and encouragement
- for his faithfulness and provision of generous funds from unexpected sources.

As we progress the project, please pray:

- for the Lord's continuing guidance, and for wisdom in all of our decisions;
- for the remaining funding and all of the other resources that we will require to get the new building completed.

Looking forward to a new season of outreach and service, we pray:

- that our faithful Heavenly Father will provide the new building as a means of blessing the local community;
- that God will use the new building to equip us for teaching God's word and welcoming our neighbours in the name of Jesus.

If you would like to commit to praying regularly for the building project, you can sign up for email prayer updates. These are usually sent out fortnightly, with additional updates when specific matters or urgent prayer needs arise. You won't get inundated with a ridiculous volume of emails! If you would like to sign up for prayer updates, please contact developmentproject@stmildreds.org.uk.



Do you shop online? If so, you can raise funds for the building project every time you buy something, with no effort and at no additional cost to you. Most online retailers offer a small charitable donation on purchases made using easyfundraising. These donations are small, but they add up, so far generating more than £4,000 for the Development Fund so far.

To get started, you can sign up by googling “easyfundraising” or via:

<https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmildredschurchlee>

You then need to make sure that whenever you make a purchase, you go through the easyfundraising app to get to the site that you wish to use. This works on computers, tablets and and phones.

If you do your food shopping online you can earn funds for the building project every time you do so, and companies which sell insurance, holidays and clothes will also contribute a little extra to the building project. Here are a few of the retailers signed up to easyfundraising:





Cash boxes

When you put your trousers into the washing machine, what do you do with any loose change that falls out of the pockets? If you find a 50p piece down the back of the sofa, where do you put it?

Our little cash boxes provide the ideal place for odd coins!

Small change adds up. A few hundred pounds are raised for the building project most years by faithful people putting odd coins (and sometimes notes) into little cash boxes. You will find a supply of these boxes at the back of church.

Completed boxes can be put into the offering plate on a Sunday morning. Please remember to complete the Gift Aid form inside the box.

Legacies

It is useful for any adult – whether aged 25 or 105 – to write a will to determine what will happen to their assets in event of their death.

Regardless of your age, you might consider making a donation to the building project by providing for this in your will.

If you have already made a will and it provides for a gift to St Mildred's then you can choose to direct this gift to the Development Fund by leaving with the will a clearly written statement that you intend the gift to go into the Development Fund if it is still in existence at the time the will takes effect.



Have you got any unwanted “stuff” that you could sell on eBay? When goods are sold to benefit a named charity, eBay waive their selling fees.

Both new and used goods can be posted on eBay. To generate funds for the building project this way:

Go to <https://www.ebay.co.uk> and if not already registered, register as a user.

To make sure that sale proceeds that you wish to donate are sent directly to the church, log in to Ebay and then click on “My Ebay” at top right of the screen. Near the top of the screen you will see:

My eBay

Activity Messages Account

Click on “Account”.

In the middle of the screen you will then see:

Donation Preferences

Pending Donations

Invoiced Donations

History

Favorites

Settings

Select "Settings" Then for "Charity donation payment method" choose Paypal. You will be taken to your Paypal account to confirm and then you are ready to sell.

Go to "Sell" and "List an item". There is plenty of guidance on the site about how goods should be described and priced. Fill in details of the item you want to sell.

At the bottom of the "Complete your listing" page is a heading "CHARITY". Click "Edit" and then turn on "Donate for this listing". In the "Find your favourite charity" box, type "Mildred" . Within the search results you should see (and select):

- THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF ST MILDRED'S, LEE, DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Then click the arrow to the right of "Percentage" to select the proportion of the proceeds that you wish to donate, which can be from 10% to 100%.

The easiest things to sell are branded goods which are new or unused, but pretty much anything can be listed. People sell all sorts of things on eBay, for example:

Clothes

Unused ink cartridges for printers no longer in use

Odd pieces from dinner services (which can be very valuable as people will buy to replace broken items)

Tools, gadgets and spare parts for appliances

Bikes/scooters and toys

Maybe you really have some "cash in your attic"? You can often get a very good idea of the value of things by seeing how similar items have sold on Ebay in the past. For specialist items, such as old stamp collections, you should get specialist advice before selling on Ebay/

Good selling!

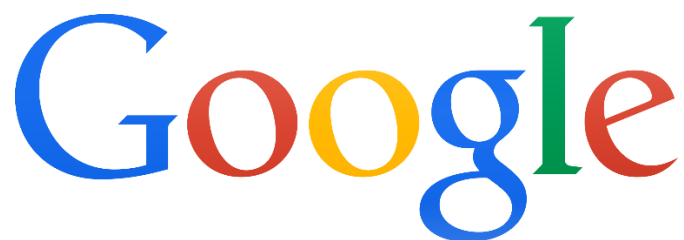
Arts, crafts and cooking

If you are nifty with a needle, good at woodwork or you enjoy making jam or marmalade, could you consider creating items to sell at Christmas? Our 2022 “Christmas catalogue” enabled church members to benefit the building project while doing their Christmas shopping. Almost everything offered for sale was snapped up quickly.

We are planning another “Christmas catalogue” for 2023. This will work really well if things are ready well in advance of Christmas... so why not start thinking about making things over the summer? Anything tasty/arty/crafty would potentially be suitable.

Research and odd jobs

At any given time there are usually various tasks that need doing on specific aspects of the building project, ranging from clearing weeds to re-formatting spreadsheets. Sometimes we need to dig out relevant information or research specific points. This usually requires nothing more than basic internet searching skills.



If you have any spare time and you would be happy to help in any way, please look at the “Jobs Board” at the back of church, or send an email to developmentproject@stmildreds.org.uk.

Matched funding

Many companies have schemes offering small amounts of matched funding to charitable projects in which their employees are involved. Barclays, for example, has offered its employees the opportunity to match funds they raise for their chosen charity up to £750 in one year.

The rules of these schemes vary as between different organisations. Some employers match amounts donated by employees and others match amounts raised by projects in which employees participate in some way. If you are in paid work it is worth checking whether your employer has any scheme of this sort.

The following are examples of companies which have provided matched funding for charitable projects:

Abbey National	Alliance & Leicester	American Express
Argos	AstraZeneca	Bank of America
Bank of England	Bank of Scotland	Barclays
BP	Bradford and Bingley	British Telecom
Cable & Wireless	Camelot	Citibank
Coutts Bank	Deloitte	Deutsche Bank
EMI	Ernst & Young	Exxon Mobil
GlaxoSmithKline	Goldman Sachs	HSBC
McKinsey	Mercury	Microsoft
Morgan Stanley	National	Grid
	Transco	National Power
NatWest	Norwich Union	Pearson
Pfizer	Proctor & Gamble	Reuters
Royal Bank of Scotland	Schroders	Seeboard
Shell	Sigma	Sky Broadcasting
Stagecoach	Standard & Poor's	Tesco
Texaco	Vodafone	Warner Music

If you work for any other organisation it would be useful to enquire whether they offer a charity matched funding scheme.

Donations

The main point of this booklet is to provide ideas about how to help with the building project at no additional cost.

However, we are very grateful to the many people who have donated money towards the building project and to all those who are committed to giving to the Development Fund on a regular basis. Without these funds, it would not be possible for us to continue with the project.

We understand that not everyone is in a position to give financially, but all gifts – however small – are much appreciated. Donations can be put in the offering plate at the back of church (clearly marked for the building project) or paid directly into the Development Fund:

Account name: Lee St Mildred Development

Account: 71835475

Sort code: 40-04-15

We encourage any donor who is a UK tax payer to complete a Gift Aid declaration in order to allow us to recover basic rate tax on money donated. This can be done simply by sending an email to treasurer@stmildreds.org.uk stating “I confirm that I am a UK tax payer and that I intend all donations that I make to St Mildred’s Church to qualify for Gift Aid.”

A tithe of 10% is reserved from all gifts made to the Development Fund (and from any interest accrued and any tax relief payments). Grants received from public bodies and charitable trusts will not be tithed but will be applied 100% to the specific purposes for which they are given. Distribution of tithed funds will be at the PCC’s discretion but with the expectation that the money will be

applied towards one or more suitable Christian mission projects requiring capital funding, such as building a new church overseas.

And finally...

Thank you for your interest in the St Mildred's Church building project. For more information on the project, please refer to:

<https://www.stmildreds.org.uk/building-project.html>

This link explains more about the funding of the project:

<https://www.stmildreds.org.uk/church-hall-funding-info.html>



We believe that our faithful Heavenly Father will provide everything that we need to get the new building completed, with the guidance of his Holy Spirit. God has given us the privilege of working with him on this project and we invite you to join us, in whatever way you can.

Thank you for reading this far! However you choose to respond to the various ideas in this booklet, a very grateful

THANK YOU!

from the St Mildred's Church development team.

**“Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask
or imagine, according to his power
that is at work within us,
to him be glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus throughout all
generations, for ever and ever!”
Ephesians 3:20-21**

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