



Cornerstone Church, Brighouse - Building Redevelopment Project

Thanks to God's blessing, Cornerstone Church, Brighouse outgrew its building over 20 years ago and has rented a number of community spaces since. The original building, with its highly accessible location and close proximity to park land and leisure facilities, was retained, and the ground floor repurposed as a church cafe in 2012 (Cafe 139). In the last 12 months the house adjoining this building was offered to the church at a discounted price and, with the generous help of a neighbouring church, the congregation of Cornerstone Church stepped out in faith and purchased the house. The acquisition gives the potential to create a space for the church to meet again in the neighbourhood where it was founded in 1977. It also provides us with a great opportunity to restart a number of ministries and explore a number of new ones. God has already graciously opened so many doors that we are fully persuaded it is right to continue to seek his grace and guidance in the redevelopment of the two buildings, to transform and extend the facilities and re-establish a presence in the community that we have so many links to.

Set out below is the vision we have for the project and a link to a recent article on the FIEC website.

Why do we need to develop our building?

The 3 main priorities:

- 1) We need a permanent home for the present and future church family
We need a permanent location to meet the requirements of Cornerstone Church both now and in the foreseeable future.
- 2) We need a well-resourced, accessible and attractive setting from which to serve the local community
- 3) We need a contemporary, multifunctional facility for the church, the local community and the wider Christian community

How do we plan to do it?

We want to create a fully refurbished and digitally integrated church community building by:

- extending the footprint of the original church building by incorporating the property recently purchased by the church
- creating a medium-sized event space for church and community-based activity
- developing a dedicated space for young people's activities
- creating a recording and media facility
- creating a fit for purpose catering facility to service café 139 and the rest of the building
- creating a dedicated creche facility and digitally connected rooms throughout the building
- creating a multi-use space that can accommodate overflow and refreshment facilities
- creating dedicated office, hot-desking and small conferences spaces
- installing equipment to enabling full access to all main areas of the building
- creating integrated storage space throughout

What will happen in the building when it is complete?

The completed project would realise:

- a centre for worship for Cornerstone Church
- a space for a wide number of existing, and new, church and community-based activities
- a venue for local, regional and national events
- a space for developing church and community partnerships

We are writing to ask whether your church could partner with us in prayer and possibly financial support for this project. The estimated total cost of the project is in the region of £590K (which includes the purchase of the adjoining house – £90K) of which £160K has been raised so far.

We have attached a link about the history of the church and the exciting possibilities which is available on the FIEC website.

In Christ.

The congregation of Cornerstone Church, Brighouse.