

Community Arts Proposal

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OUR CHURCH VISION IS TO BE AN OPEN CHURCH SUCH
THAT WE MIGHT SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS AND ALL
WORK TOGETHER IN THE WAY JESUS TAUGHT US.

Background

- ▶ St Anne's Parish centre has been serving the Buxton community for over 140 years.
- ▶ Church groups, and the wider community, use the centre to informally worship, to learn, to fund raise and to socialise.
- ▶ The centre has been given several grants to facilitate refurbishment, demonstrating, each time, a need for this vital community space.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Current Status

- ▶ There have been some concerns as to the on-going viability of the centre, from a financial perspective.
- ▶ Financials, whilst accurate on paper, add no context to the income encompassing one off refurbishment costs and the challenges of the pandemic.
- ▶ The Community Centre, once sold, will be a resource lost to all future generations.
- ▶ Many additional possible uses for the space currently remain unexplored.
- ▶ Other similar community centres in the town are fully booked.

Counter Proposal

- ▶ Form a community charity to run the centre and cover management and administration costs.
- ▶ Provide a space for local community groups with a particular focus on activities promoting the arts and wellbeing.
- ▶ Running costs will be funded from letting income, profits from a community café, membership subs, donations and grants.
- ▶ Additional revenue will help to meet church costs.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19:1

Aims of the Proposal

- ▶ Retain the community centre for ongoing community use
- ▶ Generate additional funds to meet existing costs and generate additional revenue in the future.
- ▶ Create a centre which is focused on the creative arts, which is also flexible, inclusive and open to additional uses.

"But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand."

Isaiah 64:8


Community Offerings

- ▶ Performing Arts
- ▶ Wellbeing activities
- ▶ Film Night @ the Centre
- ▶ Café at the Centre
- ▶ Church and Parish Activities
- ▶ Terrace Garden

"We're better together than we are alone." (Romans 12:4-5)

Queries relating to a potential sale of the centre...

- ▶ Will the reduced parking meet parish needs?
- ▶ Are the church and community centre subject to restrictive covenants, as many parish buildings are?
- ▶ Will grant monies have to be repaid in part or in full, due to a change of use?
- ▶ As monies raised would be paid to the Diocese of Nottingham Trustees and are not guaranteed to be spent in the parish of Buxton, how do we ensure the parish benefit?



What is the purpose of a church,
if not to bring people together to learn, to worship, to
offer fellowship and to minister to the people?

The community centre allows our church to
meet all of these aims and meets our church
vision...

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Questions?