

# Plans Coming to Reality!

**After 6 years of preparation and 4 years of fund-raising, we're delighted to announce that full funding has been accomplished with the help of generous offers of interest-free loans and we've now been given final consent by the Methodist Church and plan to start building early in April**

## ***What is our Vision?***

To consolidate and develop our position as a thriving, people focused, out of town Community Church by developing modern, welcoming and safe premises for the next generation, supporting a broad range of local community services with a growing emphasis on addressing loneliness in the elderly and, where necessary, partnering with charities to enhance our resources.

## ***Why are we doing it?***

### **Practical reasons:-**

- Need for good local community facilities
- Leaky flat roof, ageing kitchen & toilets
- Increased demand for use of premises
- Safeguarding & security issues

### **Our aims are to:-**

- Develop St Mark's place in the heart of the neighbourhood to meet local needs
- Attract other community groups to use our premises
- Encourage newcomers to join the church

## ***What are we going to do?***

The project will provide:

- an enlarged welcome area and meeting space for café style interaction for all age groups, seating up to thirty people
- an enlarged meeting room for up to twenty-eight people
- clear separation of facilities, enabling simultaneous use without conflict of needs
- a single entrance/exit addressing our Safeguarding objectives
- renewed toilet and kitchen facilities

## ***How have we reached this stage?***

- Tireless work by planning and fund-raising groups
- Generous support and fund-raising from a host of members, friends & non-church groups
- Grants from Methodist sources, The Allchurches Trust, Beatrice Laing Trust, Louis Baylis Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Charitable Foundation, Persimmons Homes, Prince Philip Trust, Shanly Foundation & others
- Promises of interest-free loans

# The Building Now



## Proposed 3D Model



View of the front entrance area

### ***What more is there to do?***

- Plan details with contractors
- Consult premises users
- Agree start date
- Continue to raise funds to repay loans

### ***How can you help?***

- Attend our fund raising events
- Organise a fund-raising event however large or small
- Make a one-off donation or pledge a regular gift (gift-aided if you pay tax)
- Purchase on-line from a host of shops/organisations at no cost to you through The Giving Machine
- Support us in prayer whether or not you feel able to do anything else