



spaceforall

the All Saints Church Community Project



**“MAY WE GIVE
THIS MAY TO
SPACEFORALL”**

Our *spaceforall* project for the church building now stands at a moment of opportunity.

- * The project is approved by the Diocese and Wokingham BC.
- * We have secured already 57% of the £1 million needed for an open and accessible community space in the church.
- * We have received financial support from Oxford Diocese, Wokingham Town Council and other local trusts to date.
- * We have applications lodged with 50 grant-making trusts.
- * Of that £1 million the church community needs to contribute £350,000 in gifts.
- * Church members to date have given £160,000.
- * The Rector is calling us to come together as a church community to pray and act in this month of May and give the remaining £190,000.

With God's blessing and generosity we aim this May to reach our church community giving target. During the month our team of volunteer church members will be contacting us about giving to ***spaceforall***.

On Sunday 23rd May, Pentecost Sunday, we plan a thanksgiving celebration of giving for *spaceforall*.

The timeline for making space for all

May-August: Raise £430,000 including £190,000 in church members' gifts

July: Tender documents out to contractors

September: Contract awarded

October: Church closes, works starts on Phase 1

March 2022: Church opens as an accessible and flexible community space.



The above depends on funds being raised.

What will *spaceforall* have created by March 2022?

Implementing Phase 1 means by next Spring we will have the core elements of a community space to meet the social, cultural and spiritual needs of the growing population in 21st century Wokingham. It will be ready to provide a spacious place of meeting as community and social life recovers after the pandemic. A place which many charitable and voluntary groups can use for public and drop-in sessions and for cultural events. It will give us the flexibility for new formats in worship and learning. It will secure the future of the building as a functioning and welcoming church too.

Phase 1 will include a beautiful new level floor throughout, open to place chairs and tables as required; a new door with level access; a servery enabling café facilities; toilets including disabled; and an improved approach to the current West Door under the tower.

Accessibility, flexibility, spaciousness, café facilities and disabled toilets mean that after March 2022 our church building genuinely will offer space for all.

Spaceforall means our church building will be a blessing to the whole town and be secured as an inspiring home of Christian worship and service well into the future.

“The time to make space for all is now! Please may we give this May to *spaceforall*!” Canon David Hodgson, Rector