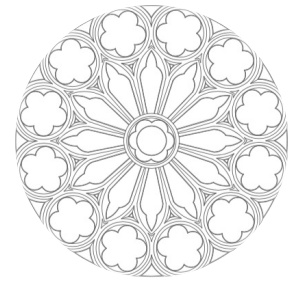


New Cross All Saints

Extending the Building, Expanding the Outreach, Enhancing the Experience



The Restoration of New Cross All Saints Church

For the history and community of Lewisham



All Saints was built by the Abolitionist Joseph Hardcastle and serves an area of Inner London with a demographic marked by social deprivation, poverty, drug and alcohol addiction, a notable number of young people in danger of becoming trapped and thwarted, and triggered into negative choices, by near absence of local opportunities for positive expression. The church building deserves preservation, and the development plan has a huge potential to benefit the whole community. Unlocking this potential is critical, urgent, and essential.

The current physical condition of the church, with its uneven, trip -hazard floor, its single hard -to -access w/c without a washbasin, its absence of disabled facilities, its lack of a space that might encourage people to linger; all these failures and more, mitigate against All Saints being the hospitable place it should be, and a place of pastoral care for all.

All Saints, sensitively regenerated, and with its determined leadership and ambition can make a difference. The power of the church, activated, can help make New Cross proud.

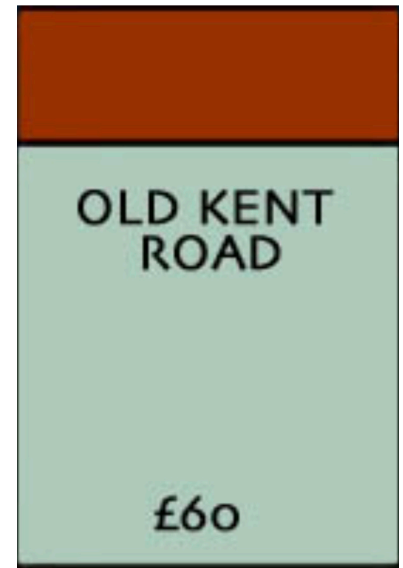
Architectural plans have been drawn up to make both interior and exterior space work in a new way. Craftsmanship and technology will work hand in hand. The reconfigured space will be perfect for all forms of creativity, from visual arts, to music and drama that can make use of the outstanding acoustics. People will be able to showcase their music, hold gigs, young people will be able to genuinely express themselves, and help generate a flow of creativity in and out of New Cross. Such possibilities help remove the negative ways young people can turn to for expression. The positive effects this can bring to the community just cannot be measured.

And the heart of the church will sustain an atmosphere of place for public worship, education, personal prayer and solace. The development will be attuned to the needs of a worshipful place.

The church must give the best of itself, in all of its ways, to its community. Developed, refurbished, agile and flexible, All Saints can do this.

1.5million can get us there!

Our New Cross and Old Kent Road Community



The church is situated in an area in which child poverty stands at 27.5% and those living in social housing is at 42%. Only 26.9% own their own property and people living on their own is at 37.2%. Furthermore, 46.6% - nearly half of all people living in New Cross are born from outside of the UK. The statistics for crime vary from month to month but it is quite significant that most recently New Cross is 25% above the London average with the top crimes recorded as being assault and violence. These are important and concerning statistics which when compared to the national average are worryingly high

It highlights the need for a functional, safe central place whereby people can go and receive help and advice. It shows the need for a community hub in which people can meet and make new connections and friends as well as the opportunity to integrate authentically and fully.



The building and it's potential uses

How it is shaping the future of our community so far...



Live music events from young local artists.



Local artists running workshops

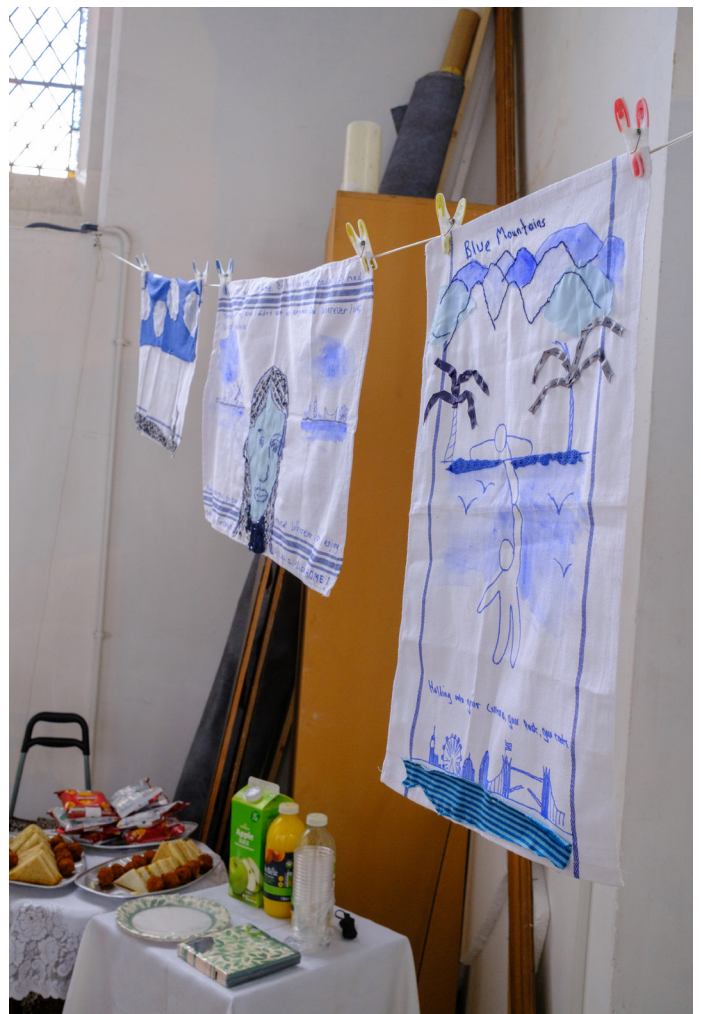


Bi-weekly drawing clubs



Music video for local young musician

The church building is a versatile, hospitable space which is steeped in a rich history of serving the local community in many ways. It is a serene space for worship as well as providing hot meals to the most in need, creatively supporting local artists of all kinds, a home for diverse expressions of faith and place of quiet rest along the busy road of life (aka the A2)! Utilised by local schools for assemblies and concerts, enjoyed by teenagers for pizza and conversation and a place to teach people about their own spiritual well-being. A place of advocacy a place that builds upon the founding principles of emancipation as per its founder Joseph Hardcastle! A place which is steeped in local history and signposts to a brighter future!



The future of New Cross

Building a space of history and beauty with and for the people

Working alongside the accomplished architect, Alun Jones who has worked on notable projects such as The Garden Museum and many other churches in and around London, we have drawn up an ambitious scheme which will give us the resources to level up our church to meet the needs of the community it seeks to serve.

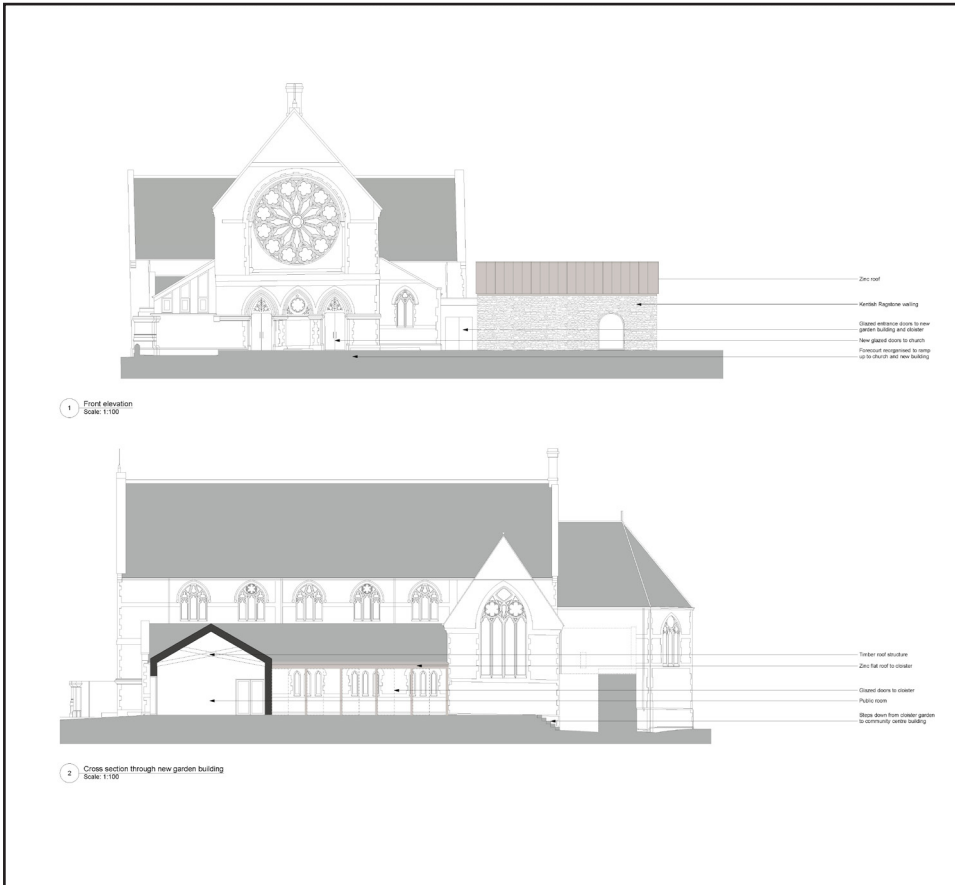
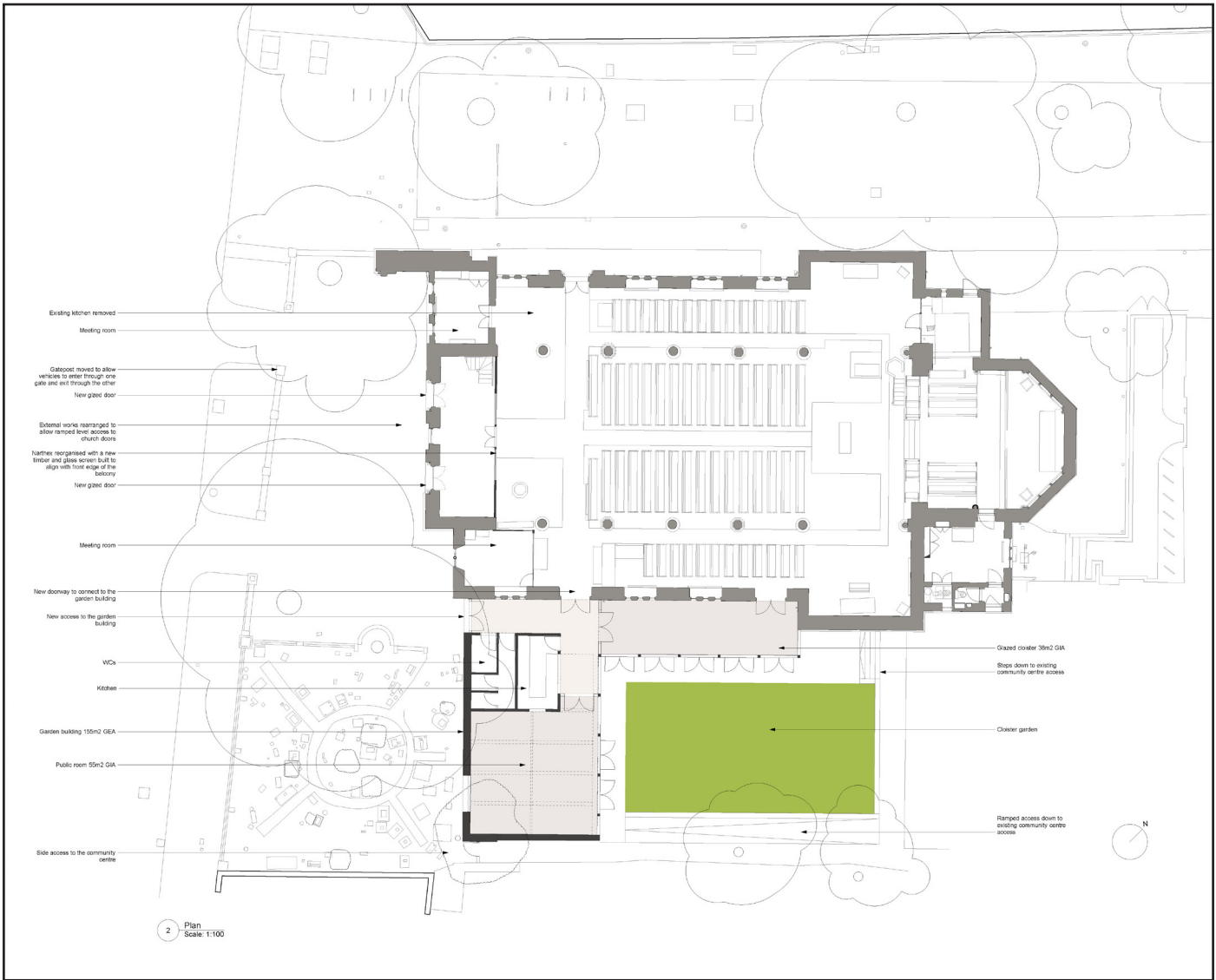
A new block adjoined to the church will give us a multifunctional room space with a kitchen adjacent. This can be used to help our Winter Night Project which serves hot food to those in need. A project which will become even more necessary as we enter into a time of higher costs of living such as has not been seen in generations.

The inclusive scheme ensures that every part of the building is accessible to those who are disabled or have mobility issues of any kind. The newly arranged drive will be resurfaced to ensure that those using wheelchairs are able to enter through the front doors as with everyone else.

The Entrance of the church will be redesigned with glass doors to ensure a more welcoming space and with automatic doors to enter into far more easily. The Cloister will provide a light, bright and space which interacts with the garden to provide an aspirational place to meet with friends. The garden will be redesigned to offer a therapeutic space to ponder and pause from the day to day difficulties which lead to mental health issues.

“With MS it’s difficult for me to go anywhere. I would come to my home church every week if I knew it was accessible” - Jenet







How to help

This exciting project cannot be done without your help. The total cost of this build is £1.5million pounds.

Please can you help us as we seek to bring the building of All Saints into the 21st Century so that we can truly serve our local community?

To make a gift please see below and email us details of your name, address and the gift amount.

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