



SUMMER
EDITION

a little**MORE** conversation

Your church, Our community

Hopes and Dreams...

...are hatching



Jean Arnatt on her 90th birthday with baby Cherry and The Vicar, Rev Margreet Armitstead. Photo by Pat White.

Well, we're well on the way with our building project! We have been much encouraged by all the positive responses about our plans to make the church a space for the whole community.

In recent months we've welcomed the **Scouts** for Mothering Sunday, lots of **families** for our Easter Egg Hunt and even a **real donkey**, called Diana, for our Palm Sunday service. We've also had more music. One person emailed after coming on 29th April, **'The concert was fantastic and the performers stupendous.'**



Easter Egg Hunt 2017. Photo by Catherine Smith.

We are dreaming of the day when many people will be able to enjoy the beauty and peace of the building during the whole week - in comfort and warmth for coffees and teas, for special groups and for family activities.

When we have spoken to you while out and about around the village, you have told us that this is also your dream!



Village Hall Fete on 6th May 2017. Photo by Isha Photography.

The Newman Meeting Place

Most community activities will take place in the main church space, which we have called 'The Newman Meeting Place', in honour of our founder, the eminent Victorian John Henry Newman.

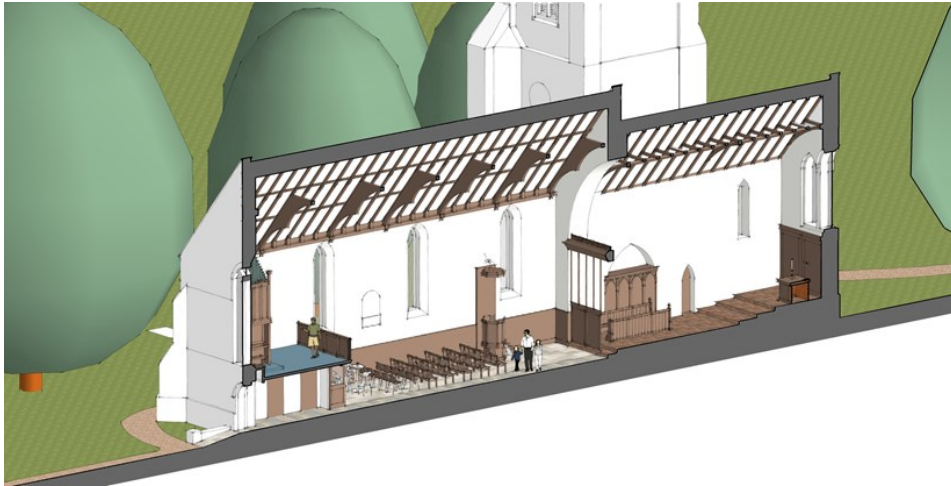
On the right is John Henry Newman, knitted by Ann Quarterman. Photo by Isha Photography.



Have you heard about our concert on 25th June at 3pm called **'The Hopes and Dreams of Littlemore'**? We've been asking people what their hopes and dreams are and we're still collecting! The concert will also feature songs, dance, a film, an exhibition and the new **'Littlemore Mass'**.

Best of all, there will be afternoon tea with delicious home made cake. (NB. We sang part of the Littlemore Mass in Christ Church Cathedral on 8th May and it was very well received!)

It's all getting quite serious...



Cross section of Church after planned renovation. Visuals by Conservation Architects.

The good news is that we are well on the way!

Various people and organisations have given funds or written about their support for us, which gives us grounds to hope that the dream will be a reality in about three years.

The bishop of Oxford, The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft has become one of our patrons. He writes:

'I am delighted to have been asked to be patron of the building project for St Mary and St Nicholas, Littlemore.

The building is of vital historical importance ... The Church urgently needs the facilities to offer hospitality to the wider community and to the many pilgrims and visitors who come. I urge you to support this project in whatever way you can.'

We need to raise **£750,000.00** for the building project, which includes:

- a gallery
- toilets
- kitchen
- eco friendly underfloor heating
- new lighting
- sounds system
- more flexible seating
- better access to the church



The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft.

How can you help?

Why not...

- take part in a sponsored walk, swim, cycle, run, bake, read, stay silent?
- help organise events?
- bake cakes for events ?
- deliver leaflets?
- write letters?
- give a donation?
- help with IT?



Photo by Pat White.

We really want the whole community to be involved in making this project a success – this is your church and this is our community.

See the dreams of people from all generations become reality before your very eyes!

Other upcoming Event



Another date for your diaries: On Thursday 28th September at 7.30 pm the church will be hosting a celebration called **'One Year on from the Launch'**, with a brief presentation, up-to-date-news, live music and more food.

On the left is The Jubilate Band (they will play at 'The Hopes and Dreams of Littlemore' event on the 25th of June and the 'One Year on from the Launch' on the 28th of September). Photo by Jonathan Self; www.jonathanself.co.uk.