Here for all seasons... not just for Christmas!

Everything is now in place for the Newman Meeting Place, the building project of our church. We’ve got the permissions and a contractor, so ‘all’ that is left to do is to find the rest of the funds...We’re aiming to be at the half-way point by the end of this year, so that we can go to the large funders to match what we’ve already raised. So please help us get to that half-way point so that the building work can start, hopefully some time in 2019.

Food for thought
But we are not going to wait until the changes have been made, we’ve started a Community Breakfast in anticipation! During the school holidays this is every morning from 9 – 10am. During term time it’s on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The demand has been incredible – obviously just what everyone has been waiting for. That means that we’re looking for volunteers to help. Would you like to work with us? Let us know!

Otherwise why not just come for breakfast, great conversation and .... er, no: alas, no toilet (yet..!)

Our Season of Concerts
We have been holding a number of concerts again this year. In total the concerts have raised over £3,000 for the project! Here’s a group of young guitarists from The Netherlands who joined the Oxford Guitar Society for a concert in May. Look out for future concerts, normally on the last Sunday of the month at 3pm, with delicious tea and cakes. Are you musical? Would you like to perform in one of our concerts? Let us know!

Thank you!
We had two very successful fundraising events at the Thames Hotel and The George Pub. Together they raised over £3,500. Thank you Thames Hotel and all at The George!
Sponsor a chair

Why not sponsor a chair to commemorate a baptism, wedding or deceased loved one? They cost £200 each, and will last for generations to come. We will list all the names in whose name the chair is sponsored. Chair forms are available from the vicarage or if you contact Rev Margreet then we can email or send you one.

Seasons

Our theme for our creative work this year will be ‘Seasons’, of life, of the year, of places.

This is part of a poem that our Sufi friend Jay Rumi wrote:

'Yet Littlemore has a sun that does not set
Shining and warm in every season
A beautiful sun you never forget

The sun of caring, sun of compassion
In its peoples' hearts, rays of emotion

I know this for sure
I lived in Littlemore.'

The building project is of course not really about a building... it’s about the people who will enter it, or who will be able to see inside from the road. It’ll be a place of beauty, peace and comfort, a beacon of hope open for everyone in our community. We would value your prayers as much as any other gifts.

Would you be willing please to pray regularly our Littlemore Parish Prayer and our Project Prayer as we are continuing to approach large funders for the remainder of the funds?

Parishes

Parish prayer:
Loving Lord, may your shining light fill the hearts of all who live, work and worship here in Littlemore. Amen.

Project prayer:
Generous God, lead us with your kindly light along the path of faith and trust, as we pray for your help and resources to complete our building project, to your glory. Amen.

Church is not just for Christmas

- **Christmas Bazaar:** 1st December, 12noon – 3pm at the Village Hall
- **St Nicholas Lantern Festival:** 6th December, 4pm at the Community Centre
- **Christingle Service:** 9th December, 5pm at the Church
- **Community Carol Service:** 18th December, 7pm at the Church
- **Crib Service:** 24th December, 5pm at the Church
- **Carol Singing:** 24th December, 11pm at the Church
- **Midnight Mass:** 24th December, 11.30pm at the Church
- **Christmas Family Eucharist:** Christmas Day, 10am at the Church
- **Littlemore Community Christmas Day Lunch:** To book your place at the Christmas Day Lunch in the John Henry Newman Academy call Caroline Gale on 01235 819499 or Margreet Armitstead