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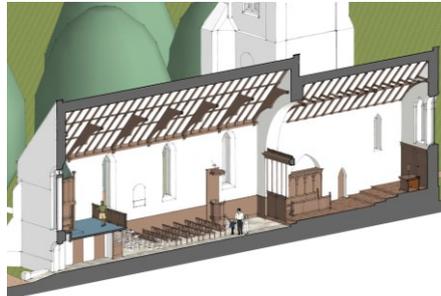
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Walk Together!

Welcome to the fifth edition of our project newsletter. Have a look at the journey so far on our project website:

www.newmanmeetingplace.org.uk

We've got some exciting events planned for this year in order to raise much-needed funds to make Littlemore Church a welcoming space for the whole community - including you.



Side view of the proposed church project, photo by Conservation Architects

Thank you to all who have given their personal support by helping with fundraising events, coffee mornings and by making and selling things. We are very grateful. It all adds up.



Barbara Kelly who has organised coffee mornings

Thank you to the Parish Council for £5k, Councillor Gill Sanders writes;

'This is an exciting project and I am really enthusiastic about it and am very, very keen to support it in whatever way I can.'

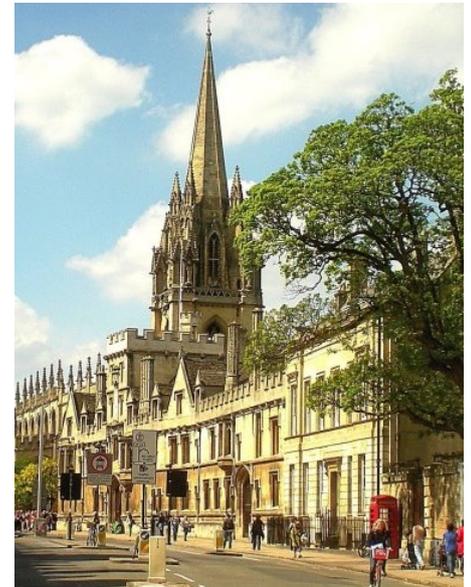


Councillor Gill Sanders

Our aim is to raise £33k locally in 2018 / 2019 out of the total of £650k needed. In previous years we have already raised £47k locally, much of it through the generosity of individual supporters.

Most of the rest will come through charitable funds from outside the parish.

We are also raising money through working together with Oriel College, Christ Church Cathedral, and St Mary's in the High Street, so our church is getting a high profile across the whole city at the moment.



St Mary's Church, High Street

Thank you also to the George Pub, Littlemore and De Vere Hotel, Sandford-on-Thames, who are both sponsoring us this year.

How can I donate money towards the £50k?

1. By cheque, made payable to 'Littlemore PCC Appeal Account' and send to/drop off c/o Rev Margreet Armitstead, The Vicarage, St Nicholas Road, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 4PP. Of course cash can also be given.
2. Online through our website donation page www.newmanmeetingplace.org.uk
3. By Online Bank Transfer to Barclays Bank.
Sort Code: 20-65-18
Account Number: 80559261
Account: Littlemore PCC Appeal Account



Palm Sunday walk through Littlemore with Donkey Diana and carer Linda from Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary

Do you shop online?

You can now make that shopping generate income for the project WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL COST TO YOURSELF! It is so easy, check out our new page: www.giveasyoulive.com/join/newman-meeting-place and start raising free income today.

Companies can support us and get a free advert in the Oxford Times! For more details for both of these email Paul at project@littlemorechurch.org

Fundraising events this Summer:

Top Class Guitarists in Littlemore!: Sunday 20th May at 3pm in Church

Concert in church on Sunday 20th May at 3pm. Programme includes The Oxford Guitar Society as well as one of the finest guitar duos in Europe, Vickers Bovey, who will be joining forces with a guitar ensemble from Utrecht for the concerto for guitar duo and guitar ensemble 'Lorca' by Gerald Garcia. Minimum suggested donation £10, concessions £5, no tickets needed. With tea/coffee and delicious cakes.

Walk and Talk with John Henry Newman: Sunday 27th May at 12 noon

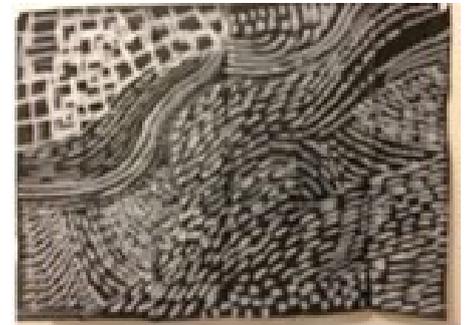
Fundraising 'Walk and Talk' to St Mary's in the High Street on Sunday 27th May. Start at noon from our church. We will visit the places where John Henry Newman lived when he was vicar of both churches. It's organised by two inspiring people for whom this walk will be the first part of their sponsored walk to Canterbury! Coffee/tea and cake on arrival at St Mary's, please bring a packed lunch. Donations can be dropped in the Walk-Bucket. Come with your family, with your organisation and get to know others in the community.

Felicity writes: 'we have recently joined the congregation and next year August we will be doing a sponsored walk along the old pilgrimage way from Winchester to Canterbury in aid of the building project and as thanks for the warm welcome we have received from the Littlemore congregation.'

Tapestry: 24th June at 3pm in Church



An afternoon of weaving together local stories, music, dance, song, art, poetry, film and cream tea in the churchyard!
Please see our churchyard where some artwork is already on display. There will be a full exhibition in church during the week running up to the event.



Tapestry Art work by Alex Singleton 'heart murmurs to heart as vacationing starlings depart'

Sunday Funday at De Vere Hotel, Sandford-on-Thames: Sunday 15th July at 12noon – 3pm

A day for the whole family, which will include a barbecue, cakes, children's activities, live music by various bands and groups, book stall, history stall, project stall, tombola, raffle, Splat the Rat and many other traditional village fayre stalls and activities. (Can you think of a stall or activity you would like to see at this, something from of old, something brand new? Let us know!)

Sponsor a chair

Join the people who are sponsoring a chair for The Newman Meeting Place, (the main body of the church) in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion such as a baptism or wedding. They are £200, wooden, high stacking, in the colour of the current pews. Forms are in the porch of the church and on our website, so that we can list the sponsors and/or the people remembered.



Sophie, Star and Jude in our church after the Palm Sunday walk through Littlemore