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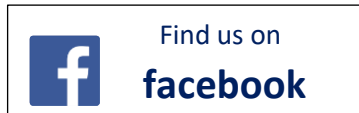
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**The Parish Church of
St Mary the Virgin
Godmanchester**

**St Mary's Transformation Project:
good news for all!**

Re-shaping this ancient church to make it more user friendly for the whole community.



Will you help us?



Our Vision

For over a thousand years Godmanchester's parish church has served its community as a focal point in the town and a place of worship. It is now time to transform the building into a place suitable for the 21st century.

Our vision for this project is to:

- Honour the church as a focus for Christian worship.
- Protect its status as a Grade 1 listed building.
- Create a comfortable and spectacular venue for community events and activities.
- Provide a permanent home for Godmanchester's Porch Museum.

How will we fund the project?

The estimated cost of the project is in the order of £1.5m. We hope to raise some of the money from grants, but we still have to raise a proportion ourselves with the help of the local community.

We have employed the services of Chell Perkins, a professional fundraising company, who will represent us in our grant applications.

What are the problems?

- The church is the largest community building in the area and can seat 300 people. But the current arrangement of fixed pews severely restricts the use of the building for non-church activities.
- Electricity is expensive. For mid-week services and activities it is not cost effective to heat the whole building.
- There are no toilets in the church. Visitors may use those in the church hall, but only at weekends.
- For the increasing number of non-church events there is nowhere in the building to store staging and other equipment.
- The Flower Guild, Church Choir and Children's Church, vital groups in our church life, have no space of their own.



How do we plan to solve them?

- The west end of the building will be re-developed to include a parish office and place of welcome, a meeting room doubling as a chapel for mid-week services, toilets, a tea station, a choir vestry and a storage area.
- An important feature of the transformation will be the creation of a mezzanine room in the tower leading onto a gallery at the west end of the nave. This will provide accommodation for the Godmanchester Museum.
- We will replace the Victorian pews with high quality chairs that are more comfortable and permit a more flexible use of the building.

This imaginative use of an ancient building will provide a natural focus for Godmanchester's expanding community.

