



1. This is our moment

A year ago, we started thinking about what HTH might look like in the future. We were prompted, perhaps surprisingly, by Cheshire East Council who told us that it wouldn't extend our temporary planning permission for our office and classroom beyond the end of 2020.

We felt that God was telling us 'now is the time to put in place a foundation for the future ministry of HTH'. We believe that **this is our moment**. We've spent some time looking forward to 2038 – our 200th anniversary – and asked what we might need for a flourishing ministry that continues to play its part in growing God's Kingdom in Hurdsfield, Macclesfield and beyond.

After consulting with the whole church and other users of our facilities, the project team and the PCC have developed the ideas which we describe on the next pages. We believe that this is what God is calling us to do and we hope that you will be excited by what you read and will want to continue to be part of it.

2. One project, three parts

Just like the Holy Trinity that we are named after, there are three parts to our Building for the Future (BftF) project:

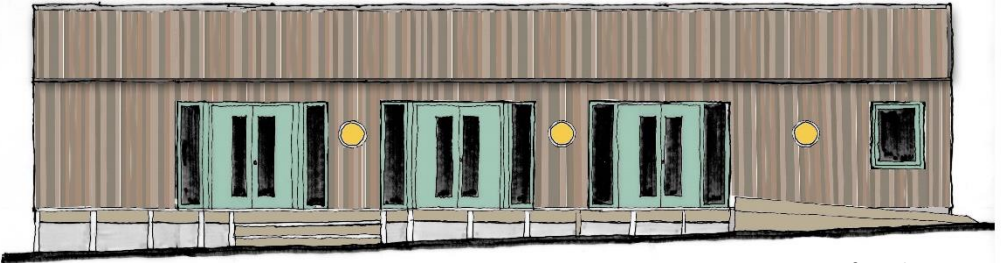
- a new building
- an improved site and welcome, and
- some more resource to grow our ministry.

We believe that each of these is vital to ensure the continued growth and ministry of the wonderful family that is HTH.

*Unless the LORD builds the house, its
builders labour in vain – Psalm 127:1*

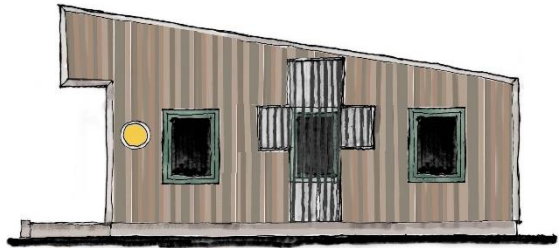
2.1 A new building

From the start, we've worked closely with Cheshire East Council and the Diocese of Chester. Both agree that our most sensible solution is to build a single-storey building in the same place as our existing portacabins. This will offer a contrasting design to our main church building, with a contemporary feel inside and out.



View from lawn

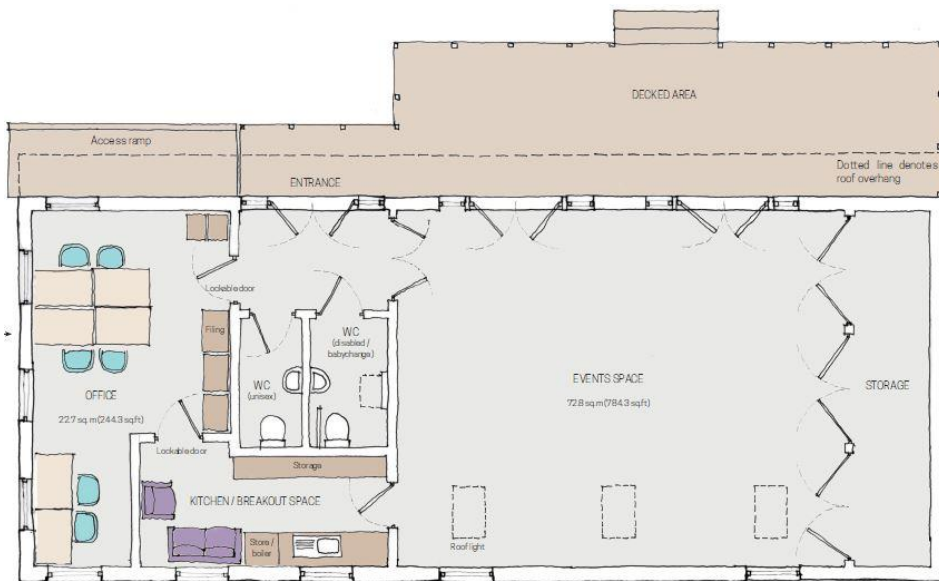
We began by considering what we will use the new building for. After several iterations, we're applying for permission to create a building that will provide the following.



Side view

- Generous office space.
- A large multipurpose events space:
 - similar size to the existing classroom
 - large enough for 50 people in theatre layout or 30 café-style, and
 - opening onto a decked area that will step down to the lawn where we hold baptisms and play football.
- Basic kitchen with space for informal meetings and coffee breaks.
- Two toilets (one equipped for wheelchairs and with baby-change facilities).
- Storage, including for tables and chairs for the events space.

This drawing shows the layout of the new building.



We'll encourage the Hurdsfield community to use our events space for family celebrations, voluntary groups and other meetings. In warm weather we'll be able to gather around the decked area after services and enjoy the new space to the full.

2.2 An improved site and welcome

A visitor recently asked if our plans include resurfacing the 'dirt track' (aka the church drive). We've patched it repeatedly over the years, but it now needs complete resurfacing.

And we need to address many other potholes and uneven surfaces, add parking and improve access to the main building and the welcome it offers.



Therefore, we want to do the following.

Access and safety

- Resurface the roadways throughout our site.
- Resurface the parking area outside the vicarage and extend it to provide additional spaces.
- Resurface the area outside the main church door to:
 - ensure a smooth and safe surface
 - reduce the slope to the door to help wheelchair and buggy users and other less mobile visitors, and
 - create a drop-off zone and dedicated disabled parking spaces.
- Install bike racks near the door of the main building, to encourage people to cycle to HTH.
- Improve everyone's safety by signposting a formal one-way system for all vehicles, and building a segregated footpath along the edge of the grass on the south side of the main building.

Welcome

- Improve the signage on Hurdsfield Road, both to show how to get in as well as promote our services, activities, facilities and mission.
- Improve the exterior lighting around the site.
- Redecorate and reconfigure the lobby and coffee lounge to make them more contemporary and welcoming (more like rooms in our own homes and less like a doctor's waiting room).



2.3 Some more resource to grow our ministry

Building new facilities and improving our site will not, in themselves, grow God's kingdom. To do this, we want to enhance, and add to, the ministries that we offer.

Imagine if we were able to:

- welcome every single person as they move into the houses being built off Fence Avenue on the King's Girls School site
- run drop-in activities on this new estate to help people get to know us, Macclesfield and each other
- work with Cre8 to extend some of its work into Hurdsfield
- work with the local health and council services and Age UK to develop a befriending scheme to reduce isolation and loneliness in Hurdsfield, and
- run more courses to help people with parenting, debt management, growing their faith, etc.

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There are so many opportunities through which we can bless people, build relationships throughout our community and bring the transformation that the gospel promises.

But these require people with time and energy. We may be able to work on some using our existing resources, but we recognise that many people in our church family have limited time or energy, or both.



Therefore, we want to recruit a Community Missioner who will have the opportunity, time and energy to develop new initiatives in collaboration with other partners to make some of these dreams happen.

We want to do this for two years and then evaluate how effective we've been.

If we then agree to continue, we'd seek to fund the role from our general giving (we'd hope that the role would grow our church family, which in turn would increase giving).

3. When can we do it?

We haven't yet got permission for a new building or to improve our site. We're in the process of seeking permissions from Cheshire East Council and the Diocese of Chester. These are likely to take several months, so we might hope to start the work later this year or, more likely, in early 2021. We also need to raise the money.

4. How much will this all cost?

Part 1 - New building	£229K
Part 2 - Improved site and welcome	£74K
Part 3 - Community Missioner (£25K a year for 2 years)	£50K
Contingency (10% of parts 1 and 2)	£30K
TOTAL costs	£383K

We need to fund the whole of this project ourselves, through a combination of:

- existing church funds
- giving from church members and others associated with HTH, and
- grants.

God has already been providing for us, as you can see:

Existing church funds	£75K
Private matched funding (available if we can match it with personal pledges)	£50K
Money already pledged	£65K
Estimated Gift Aid on matched funding and money already pledged	£22K
Grant from Cheshire East (New Homes Bonus)	£16K
TOTAL funds available	£228K

What we still need	£155K
Estimated Gift Aid part of this	£30K
WHAT WE NEED TO RAISE	£125K

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5. What are we asking you to do?

Pray and live faithfully

We represent a part of the kingdom of God here in Hurdsfield. To see growth, first and foremost we need to be following God and growing ourselves. We need to be praying for this venture, living faithfully and following God's call on our lives. As we've been developing this project, we've held onto the following verse:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight – Prov 3:5-6

All that we do we do for God's glory and so let us be faithful to him in our own prayers and lives and pray that the pathway to completion will be straight.

Contribute

We need lots of help to make this happen. Soon we will let you know what skills and gifts we need to develop the project.

Pledge to give

Our BftF project will cost £383,000. We are truly blessed in that we have already raised or been promised nearly £230K, but that still leaves us to raise £125K. Every contribution, given for the glory of God, is of great value.

Please:

- consider carefully how much you might be able to give
- complete the enclosed pledge, and
- put it in the red post box on the welcome table in the Church Coffee Lounge by Monday 10 February.

*This is what we are asking:
Pray and live faithfully
Contribute
Pledge to give*



6. Your personal pledge

Thank you for reading about how we're Building for the Future at HTH. We need raise some **£125K** to make it all happen. This is a lot of money and it is a big ask.

However, we ask it in the confidence that God will provide for our needs as we seek to follow His call. We are asking everyone who attends HTH, as well as members of the community who value Holy Trinity Church so much, to indicate what they can give towards this project.

We're not asking you to give **now**. We're asking you to pledge to give later – just as soon as we have the permissions we need to go ahead.

What we would like you to do is:

- pray and ask God what he is calling you to do, and
- tell us below how much you can pledge to give over two years, either in one or more lump sums or as monthly donations.

As you know, we've been offered £50K in private matched funding, which effectively doubles the value of pledges up to that amount.

Here are examples of what your donation could be worth, if you can Gift Aid.

Lump sum donation Year 1	Lump sum donation Year 2	Your total donation	Add 25% Gift Aid	Add private matched funding	Effective value of your donation
£1,000	£1,000	£2,000	£500	£2,000	£4,500

Monthly donation Year 1	Monthly donation Year 2	Your total donation	Add 25% Gift Aid	Add private matched funding	Effective value of your donation
£50	£50	£1,200	£300	£1,200	£2,700

**Thank you so much
James, the BftF Project Team and the PCC**