



**CHRISTMAS  
EDITION**

# a little**MORE** conversation

## Your church, Our community

# And there was light... The Green light!

We are delighted to announce that we now have full, legal permission to go ahead with all aspects of the Littlemore Church building project. This follows a long process of consultation with various official bodies as the building is of such historic significance.



So it's now full steam ahead to complete the project by the end of 2019. Please continue to walk with us in our efforts – and help us meet that deadline. That gives us only two years!

# Join the wave of support!

Huge, heartfelt thanks to members of the congregation of St Mary the Virgin in Oxford High Street, where John Henry Newman was also vicar when he worked in Littlemore, on their fundraising walk in October. Newman used to do this walk most days!



Members of St Mary's Church, High Street, photo by Mrs B CNDgraphics & Designs



Jonathan Oldroyd



The George photo by Isha Photography

# Fundraising Concerts

We are continuing our monthly fundraising concerts. Musicians have included the young and the old - both local and far away.

**Jonathan Oldroyd, General Manager De Vere Oxford Thames Hotel says:**

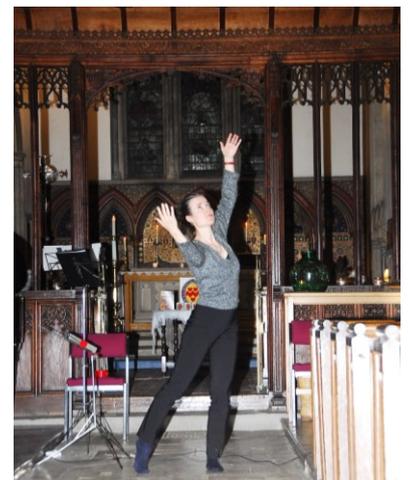
*"We are delighted to have chosen St Mary and St Nicholas Church as our charity for 2017/2018. We know that cultivating a positive company culture and giving back to our community go hand in hand. I caught the vision of turning the church into a welcoming space at the geographical heart of Littlemore and we are already supporting in monetary terms as well as practically from the Hotel."*

**Nigel from The George says:**

*"Every year we pick a local charity. The pub and the church work together as meeting points within the community and this year we want to support the church in their efforts."*



Roshan, photo by Mrs B CNDgraphics & Designs



Dancer Lizzy, photo by Mrs B CNDgraphics & Designs

# Our new Website and Logo...

Do visit our brand new project website:

[www.newmanmeetingplace.org.uk](http://www.newmanmeetingplace.org.uk).

You will find lots of information about the project and you can also make donations online and send us your comments/feedback.

We also have a new logo! A detailed explanation can be found on our website and on our church notice board, but it involves, Newman, the church and everyone in the community!



## How can you help?

Why not organise a fundraising event such as a coffee morning/jumble sale, or join a sponsored fundraising event with us as the charity? Or join our team to help with our fundraising events.

Don't leave it all to someone else! Get together with a bunch of friends. The more of us take part, the sooner it's going to happen!

So...pick up the phone now and speak to a member of the team on **07983 979592**, or Rev Margreet on **01865 748003** or send an email to [project@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:project@littlemorechurch.org)



*Knitted tea cosies, to be sold at the Christmas Bazaar, photo by Brian Lowe*

## Sponsor a chair or buy a mug!

In the main body of the church, renamed '**The Newman Meeting Place**', we are going to have 150 high quality lightweight stackable wooden chairs in the colour of the current pews.

Would you like to sponsor a chair in memory of a loved one? Or simply donate one? Each chair costs £200 and will be a permanent (and comfortable) memorial. There are also beautiful mugs, bookmarks, fridge magnets and other items with our logo for sale. Great idea for a Christmas present? Available at our Christmas Bazaar (see below), on Sunday mornings or from the vicarage.

## How do I make a donation to the project?

Via our website you can make a one-off donation or a regular contribution.

Alternatively, you can send a cheque, made payable to '**Littlemore PCC Appeal Account**' to Rev Margreet Armitstead, The Vicarage, St Nicholas Road, Littlemore, Oxford, OX4 4PP. We can also receive BACS transfers – for details please contact [project@littlemorechurch.org](mailto:project@littlemorechurch.org)



## Upcoming Event

- **St Nicholas Lantern Festival:** 7<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm at the Community Centre
- **Over 60s Christmas Lunch at The George:** 8<sup>th</sup> December, 12noon - 2pm. Book by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December with The George, tel 779341. Cost £3.00
- **Christingle Service:** 10<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm at the Church
- **Christmas Bazaar:** 16<sup>th</sup> December, 12noon – 3pm at the Village Hall
- **Community Carol Service:** 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm at the Church
- **Crib Service:** 24<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm at the Church
- **Carol Singing:** 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11pm at the Church
- **Midnight Mass:** 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11.30pm at the Church
- **Christmas Family Eucharist:** Christmas Day, 10am at the Church
- **Littlemore Community Christmas Day Lunch:** in the John Henry Newman Academy call Caroline Gale on 01235 819499 or [caz.gale@hotmail.com](mailto:caz.gale@hotmail.com)



*St Nicholas Festival Fun!*