



**SUMMER
2019**

a little**MORE** conversation

Your church, Our community

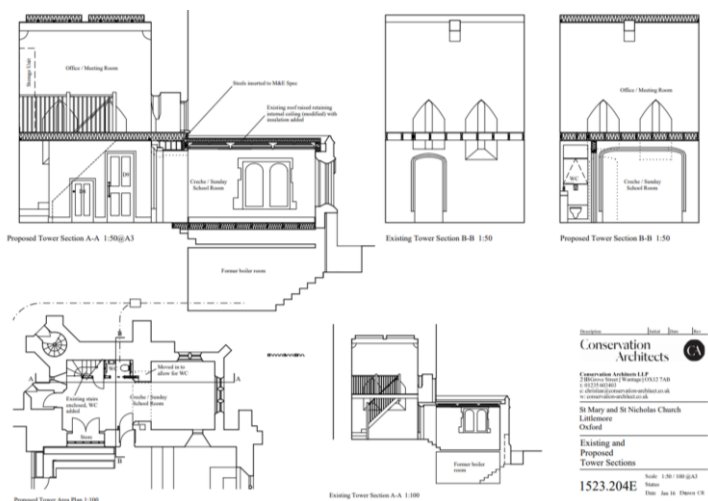
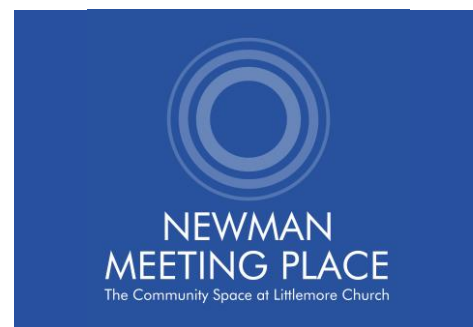
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Let the building begin!

We are currently half way with the fundraising and are hoping to reach the full amount later this year.

We have enough funds for the tower area, so we're very excited to start this part of the project in September.

The two small side rooms will be levelled and become one large meeting room and the upstairs room will be turned into a small, beautiful space for one to one sessions or very small groups. Various groups in the community have already expressed interest in using that tower area.



Plans for Tower area

Meanwhile various large and small bids have been submitted so we're hopeful that more funds will come in soon.

We can't wait to welcome people in for a community café; more seasonal family activities like the St Nicholas Lantern Festival and the Easter Egg Hunt; tea and dance sessions; an after school drop in; parent and toddler sessions; music sessions and befriending sessions to name but a few.

Many people have also said how much they value the deep peace and beauty of the building, to sit quietly, pray, or light a candle, so we are looking forward to having the building open far more often for people.

Have you been to our Community Breakfast yet? Every Monday and Wednesday during term time and every weekday during holidays: 9 – 10am.



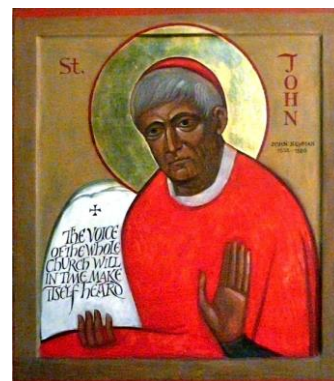
St Nicholas festival, photograph by Nick Gallant

Sainthood of John Henry Newman



Anglican John Henry Newman: Painting by Tom Bower from Littlemore Congregation

This Autumn John Henry Newman will be made a saint, which is tremendously exciting for our church. As John Henry Newman had our church built, it will be in the spot light of the world around that time. In Littlemore he converted from the Anglican Church to the Roman Catholic Church. So watch the news to see if Littlemore is on it when the time comes..



Roman Catholic John Henry Newman, Icon commissioned by Revd Bernhard Schunemann, previous vicar Littlemore Church

Sponsored Walk to Canterbury

Felicity and Ian Blair will be walking from Winchester to Canterbury Cathedral from 29th July – 11th August in aid of the Newman Meeting Place project. Do look on our website for more information. You can sponsor them, join them for part of the walk or welcome them to Canterbury Cathedral...

Thank you Felicity and Ian!



Felicity and Ian with Rev Margreet, photograph by Benjamin Johnson

Websites

We have two new websites, why not check them out?

Our project film is also on these sites:

www.newmanmeetingplace.org.uk
and
www.johnhenrynewman.org

Thank you for your donation to the Newman Meeting Place Fund

Join the many who have sponsored a chair to commemorate a baptism, a deceased loved one, a wedding anniversary or just to show support. They are £200 each and all the names of people who are remembered and who have sponsored can go on the list of names displayed if desired. For a chair form please contact: Rev Margreet or go on our website www.newmanmeetingplace.org.uk



To pay for a chair or make financial donations, please use any of the following methods;

- **Cheques** made payable to 'Littlemore PCC Appeal Account';
- **Online** through the donation page on our website: www.newmanmeetingplace.org.uk;
- **Bank transfer** to Barclays Bank, sort code: 20-65-18, account number: 80559261, name: 'Littlemore PCC Appeal Account'

Thank you for your continued prayers. Thank you for praying for the project and for the people who will enter the space. May the space become a true beacon of hope and light in and for our community.



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.

Upcoming Events

Summer Concerts

- **44 Singers from the US: Faith Builders Chorale:** Friday 21st June at 7.30pm. Retiring suggested donation £10, or £5 concessions.
- **Seasons Concert in church and churchyard:** Sunday 30th June 2 – 5pm with local singers, musicians, poets and dancers and of course a high tea party in the churchyard. Various groups, including the local school, Response, Jubilate Band and others will take part so come to this unique community event.

Other Events

- **Arts exhibition regarding the Seasons:** will be on display from 16th June.
- **Church Summer Fayre:** Saturday 6th July from 10.30am – 1pm in Littlemore Village Hall



Mennonite Choir, photographs by Benjamin Johnson