



CHURCH CENTRE  
*Building Project*  
**Enlarge the place**

**SML**

St Mary's Longfleet · Poole

# Dear Friends ...



“Transforming lives, Building Community and Reaching Out”

We have crossed the first hurdle and now have planning permission. It has been quite a journey to reach this point! The Lord reigns and He can use all that profoundly for good.

Jesus in our local community and beyond, through – ‘Transforming Lives, Building Community and Reaching Out’.

These plans aim to ‘Enlarge the place of our tent...’ building on the past with huge thankfulness for those who have travelled before us and left their own legacies to build in their times. It is our turn to make our faith count and serve God’s purposes in our generation, in 21st century Poole; recent events in our nation remind us of the desperate need to play our part in rebuilding and transforming communities under the Lordship of Jesus. We have this opportunity to invest for the future – for young and old who will put their trust in Jesus; those

So now the challenge lies before each of us, to play our part, within a growing church community, in making this Church Centre project a reality through our giving.

At heart, this project is about providing facilities which will more effectively enable us to glorify



whose marriages will be restored; those parents equipped; those whose addictions will be broken; those isolated older folk who will find friendship; teenagers and children grown in passionate faith; those emerging leaders equipped and all who will be trained and envisioned to live with a passionate purpose.

I want to encourage and challenge you, as a vital part of SML, to ask the Lord what He would have you give. We all have different resources and it

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is about equal sacrifice not equal gifts, but equal joy in giving in a way that honours the Lord. He knows our hearts and in His hands, like the boy who offered his lunch of loaves and fish, our gifts can have an amazing impact.

Let's encourage each other to step up to the challenge of this giving campaign and give God the glory.

With my love and prayers

Revd. Andy Perry

*Transforming Lives,  
Building Community  
and Reaching Out*

### Small Beginnings

Ground floor of two cottages at Longfleet used for informal services.

**1830: Apr**

Mr Ponsonby MP provided a site.

**1830: 13th Sept**

Foundation stone laid at the current site of SML.

**1839**

Site of school, across Longfleet Road, given by Lord Wimborne.

**1884**

North and South porches added at West end plus tower with steeple 108ft high.



**1909**

Church Hall erected in Kingston Road as facility for Sunday School and outreach to children and youth.

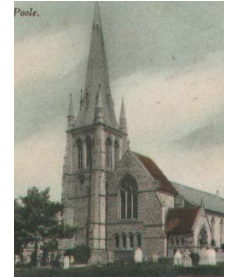


**1833: 25th Sept**

St Mary's Longfleet consecrated by the Bishop of Bristol.

**1865**

Small chancel erected, in purbeck stone, east of the original building.



*The Journey*

serving God's purposes in different generations

# Moving forward



**1998: Nov**  
Internal reordering.  
Chairs instead of pews  
allowing flexibility for  
usage and a more  
welcoming environment.

**1974**

Extension to Church  
Hall built known as 'The  
Fellowship Centre'.

**2000**

Steering group formed to  
explore the possibilities  
of a new Church Centre  
for SML.

**2011: Aug**

Plans approved for a  
redevelopment of the  
current Church Centre.  
Design includes resiting  
the main entrance,  
providing full disabled  
access, a modern kitchen  
and increased meeting  
spaces.

**1914-15**

Major re-building of the  
church. Original brick  
nave demolished, replaced  
by present stone nave  
which joined up chancel,  
tower and porches.

**1989**

Beament Lounge and  
kitchen added.

**2006**

Various plans considered  
for both a new Church  
Centre and extension of  
current Church building.  
Plans submitted but  
later withdrawn.



View from Longfleet Road



### **Entrance & Hall**

The new entrance to the Church Centre will be located on the Longfleet Road side of the building with the main entrance visually opposite the doors to Church. Outside the foyer will be a protected area for pedestrians entering and leaving the building. The glass entrance doors will lead people into a spacious, welcoming foyer flooded with light from the glass roof. The foyer will give access to the Hall, which will be securely zoned off when needed, and a wide corridor leading to the other facilities.

### **Meeting Rooms**

These will be designed to encourage multi-purpose, flexible use. A small meeting room will be added on the ground floor, a large space created on the first floor which will be partitioned into three rooms when needed. There will be a light, spacious room on the newly created second floor, approximately twice the size of our current Beament Lounge, which will be ideal for training and courses.

### **Kitchen & Café Lounge**

The kitchen on the ground floor will be relocated and doubled in size. It will be fully fitted to ensure excellent catering facilities

for all our hospitality needs. It's location near the rear entrance and lift will give easy access for deliveries. In addition, the kitchen's close proximity to the lounge will enable provision of a great café and meeting space downstairs for all ages.

### **Access, Toilets & Storage**

Currently the ground floor of the centre is on a number of different levels. The refurbished building will have a level floor throughout and a new lift to give access to all floors. The whole building is designed to be accessible by people of all ages and physical capabilities. The toilets will be redeveloped and expanded, disabled toilet facilities added and two extra toilets created off the hall (particularly for use by young children when the hall is zoned off for pre-school and toddler groups). Adequate storage facilities are vital and so built-in storage has been designed for most rooms.



“The design is visually striking externally, practical yet welcoming internally”

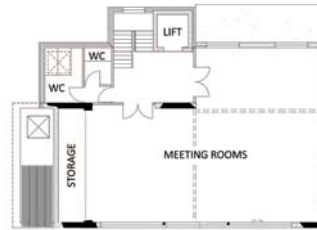
Ian Hicks,  
Project Manager

*The Approved Plans*

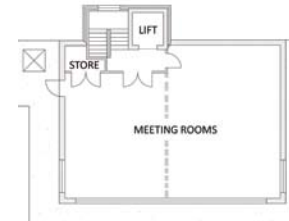
Ground Floor Plan



1st Floor Plan



2nd Floor Plan



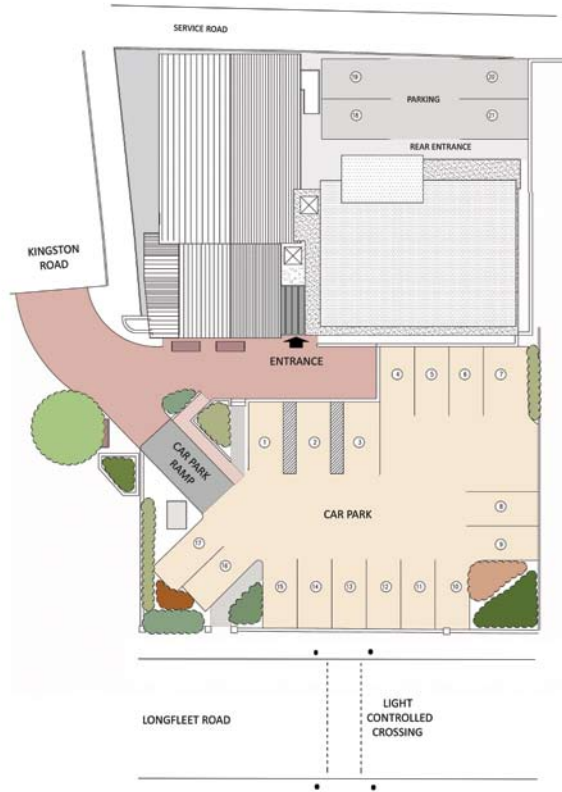
“Having supported the building of the original extension in 1974, I am delighted to support this new project.” Mike Turner

### *Environmental Opportunities*

The redevelopment of the Church Centre will enable us to significantly increase the insulation in the building. In addition, we will be investigating the viability of using sustainable technologies. Specific details of the materials to be used will be clarified during the detailed planning stage and with input from experienced environmental representatives during ‘user group’ consultations.



View from Kingston Road



### Exterior Finish

The original hall will retain all its external features; however the roof will be re-tiled but keep the colour and style of the current tiles. The ground floor walls of the rest of the building will be rendered and the first and second floors clad with untreated cedar.

### Parking & Landscaping

The car park entrance will be altered to provide safer access for both cars and pedestrians. Resurfacing of the car park will enable disabled parking bays to be identified. The whole of the outside space will be landscaped and secure cycle parking provided.

### Road crossing

A key feature of our plans is a pedestrian crossing in Longfleet Road to link the church with the refurbished church centre and our car parks. Now that we have planning permission to develop the building, we are moving forward with the process of consultation with the local Council about a road crossing.

*Plans Continued*

“These designs provide great, flexible space for our growing children’s work” Katie Griffiths



# Key Benefits

Our hope is that the previous few pages have given you many of the practical details of the redeveloped building and you can start to visualise how it will look. Even more exciting is the vision of what we can achieve for God in our Church and community through the use of this building.

## We will be able to:

- create a building and site that says 'welcome'
- enhance children and young people's learning of God's extravagant love by providing a fun, creative and stimulating environment
- have all our Sunday groups adequately housed in one building
- increase the opportunities for different social and activity groups to use facilities together
- provide people involved in pastoral counselling and small groups with appropriately sized, comfortable and well furnished rooms
- easily cater for the needs of a regular café, men's and women's breakfasts, an alpha course, an elderly person's lunch club, sizeable social events... in our fully equipped kitchen
- enhance delivery of parenting, marriage & alpha courses; discipleship courses and pastoral training; dynamic events for youth and students through the use of modern technology



# Estimated Costs

The estimated costs for the redevelopment of our church centre total £1 million. This is based on advice from professionals and is broken down as follows:

Building Contract	£700,000
VAT	£140,000
Professional Fees (architect, structural engineers etc.)	£50,000
Road Crossing (VAT exempt)	£40,000
Contingency	£40,000
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	£30,000
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TOTAL	£1,000,000

*Alongside the redevelopment of our own building for the mission and ministry of SML the PCC has agreed that we will raise an additional £45,000 to fund a building project for J-Life, to help transform another community.*

*The PCC has decided to support this new venture with J-Life in Cameroon. If for any reason this J-Life venture cannot proceed in a satisfactory way, the PCC will select an alternative project to which the funds will be directed.*

“We are delighted that you are partnering with us in this strategic next step. Many, many thanks.”

John Abrahamse

## J-Life Building Project

J-Life International works throughout Africa, to train up and disciple young people at ‘base camps’ and then send them out to disciple others. SML supports J-Life financially through part of its title offering each year and over the last 3 years a growing number of folk from SML have visited and got involved with the ministry of J-Life.

Base camps currently exist in South Africa and Zambia. Strategically Cameroon is the next location where J-Life plan to invest as they seek to launch their work into the French speaking nations in Africa. For the last six years a J-Life mission partner Florence Fokoua has been working in Cameroon. The project SML would be supporting is to build Phase 1 of a self-sufficient J-Life Training Centre in Cameroon, including a conference building, toilets and a dormitory.



There are many ways in which you can give to the project and we hope that this will give our whole church family the opportunity to experience the joy of sacrificial giving.

**Financial Giving**

- Giving of lump sums would be a great help in assisting us managing the finances of the project as well as enabling us to begin work as soon as possible.
- You may choose to pledge to give to this project on a weekly basis, monthly basis or any cycle that is convenient. Over a 4 year period it is amazing to see how much a monthly sacrifice releases.

Monthly	Yearly	4 years	4 years + Gift Aid
£10	£120	£480	£600
£50	£600	£2,400	£3,000
£100	£1,200	£4,800	£6,000
£500	£6,000	£24,000	£30,000

- You may wish to give from stocks or bonds, or to transfer shares to SML.
- Young people and children can also give out of their part time job, pocket money or other creative idea.
- Organise a fund-raising activity.
- Offer an interest free loan.

*Please complete the enclosed 'Church Centre Giving Campaign' form and let us celebrate this opportunity to build together.*

**Please pray for:**

- a release of joyful, sacrificial giving for this project
- the furthering of our mission to transform lives, build community and reach out through this project
- wisdom for those who will continue to make decisions during the detailed design and build of the project.

**Gift Aid**

If you are a UK tax payer, SML can reclaim 25p from every £1 you donate. This means that, if you were to gift aid a donation of £100, your gift is worth £125 to the church or £12,500 from a gift of £10,000. So please ensure your gift is 'gift aided'!

*giftaid it*

**Trusts**

We have approached some trusts to ask for financial help but we need to have raised a significant proportion of the money before any of them can formally commit.

"We will be stretched, but I firmly believe that raising this large amount is achievable." John Rolleston

*How can I get involved?*

**“Enlarge the place of your tent,  
stretch your tent curtains wide,  
do not hold back; lengthen your  
cords, strengthen your stakes.”**

**Isaiah 54:2**

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