

St Mary's Church and St Mark's Hall Denham



Two buildings, one community, a future worth investing in

Welcome



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Those of us who live in Denham know how fortunate we are to belong to such a beautiful place, set on the edge of the Chilterns and enriched by the tranquillity of our historic village and wider parish.

At the centre of our village stands St Mary's Church, which, together with St Mark's Hall in Denham Green, seeks, with God's help, to serve everyone who lives here.

St Mary's Church has stood at the heart of Denham, witnessing generation after generation through times of joy, sorrow, celebration and remembrance.

St Mark's Hall, built sixty years ago to serve the growing population of Denham Green, has become a much-loved home for worship, local groups, family celebrations and community activities.

“ Although very different in age and character, these two buildings share a common purpose: serving the people of our parish. ”

Today, St Mark's is used by a variety of local groups, many of whom would value more space. As we look to the future, we have the opportunity to refurbish and enlarge the building, creating a welcoming space that will enable even more people to meet, learn, celebrate and support one another now and for decades to come.

I hope this brochure will help you understand why these buildings matter, explain the work that now needs to be undertaken, and give you confidence that every donation will be used

wisely and carefully. If, having read it, you feel able to support this once-in-a-generation opportunity, you will be helping to preserve not simply two much-loved buildings, but the life, heritage and memories shared by current as well as future residents of Denham.



Why now?

St Mary's Church has been carefully maintained by successive generations, but the time has now come for significant repairs and improvements to ensure it remains safe, welcoming and fit for the future.

St Mark's Hall, built to serve the growing community of Denham Green, now needs refurbishment and extension to meet the needs of today's residents, to comply with today's building standards and to meet the future challenges of climate change.

Together these two projects represent a once-in-a-generation opportunity to preserve our heritage, while investing in the future of our parish.



900+
YEARS

St Mary's Church has stood at the heart of Denham for more than nine centuries.



60
YEARS

St Mark's Hall has served the community since 1968.

Thanks to your generosity, we have made great progress.



£1.1m

ALREADY SECURED

We have already secured £1.1million towards the project. Thank you.



A ONCE-IN-A-GENERATION OPPORTUNITY

Together we can preserve our heritage and invest in the future of our parish.



£300k

STILL TO RAISE

We need a further £200,000 for the St Mary's repairs and £100,000 to enhance the St Mark's fit out.



**DON'T FORGET
GIFT AID ADDS 25%**

Any donation you make as a taxpayer enables us to claim an additional **25% through Gift Aid.**



**WORK
UNDERWAY**

Planning permission is granted, funding is in place and repair work has already begun on site.

**Thank you for supporting
your community**

What needs to be done at St Mary's Church?



There are three major long term projects that need to be dealt with before they become more serious and difficult to deal with.

The first is the damp in the north-facing walls and the tower. Over several decades the gap between the outer and the inner walls has become steadily filled by large amounts of rainwater that can penetrate into the walls but cannot escape out. This spring we started the process of stripping off the internal plaster and chipping out the non-porous cement. There has been a noticeable improvement over the summer. The works to date have cost £35,000 and to complete the task will be another £30,000.

The second big project is to strengthen or repair a number of 300-year-old beams that support the upper floors in the tower which are in danger of giving way. This is a complicated repair which will cost in excess of £70,000.

The third big project is to replace the worn and leaking lead on the Chancel roof with a more modern alternative and solar panels. This is scheduled for later this decade at a cost of about £40,000.

In addition to these major projects there are some long overdue repairs and improvements that will make the Church welcoming and secure for the foreseeable future.

The first is an upgrade to the heating system, which is scheduled for later this year at a cost of £25,000.

Following the latest electrical inspection it is clear we should set in hand a number of improvements to the entirety of the electrical systems at a cost of about £20,000.

We plan to build a Garden of Remembrance in the Churchyard so that we can continue the practice of burying ashes next to a wall plaque in memory of the deceased.

£30,000+
DAMP AND MASONRY

£25,000
HEATING UPGRADE

£70,000+
TOWER BEAMS

£20,000
ELECTRICAL
IMPROVEMENTS

£40,000
FUTURE ROOF
REPLACEMENT

£15,000
GARDEN OF
REMEMBRANCE

What needs to be done at St Mark's Hall?

The majority of the funds we have available have been allocated to the refurbishment and extension of St Mark's Hall. We therefore have sufficient funds to do the basic refurbishment work, including the long awaited accessible toilets, and build the large extension.

However, we are now raising funds to help us improve the final fit out so that we can include a number of features that will make the new St Mark's really special. The most important of these additional features is the heating and cooling systems that will leave the hall as near carbon-neutral as it can be with current technology.



This will involve an air-sourced heat pump powered by solar panels supported by batteries to store the extra electricity generated in the day to power the air conditioning and the lighting.

Climate change is a reality and we are determined to set up St Mark's Hall so that it is fit for purpose for many years.

Other areas for improved fit out will be the parking and exterior lighting, the perimeter fencing and optimised audio-visual systems and acoustics.

The extra £100,000 we are asking for as part of this fundraising exercise will enable us to deliver a truly special experience that Denham Green can enjoy for years to come.



FULLY REFURBISHED EXISTING HALL

Improved space with great flexibility.



NEW AIR CONDITIONED SECOND HALL

Comfort for all with improved
heating and air conditioning.



NEW FOYER

Welcome for everyone with
full accessibility.



SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Working towards carbon-neutral.

Good stewardship

We recognise that every donation represents an act of trust, and we are committed to ensuring that every pound is used wisely, carefully and transparently.

This appeal is part of a carefully planned programme of investment in the future of St Mary's Church and St Mark's Hall. Before launching this appeal, the PCC secured £1.1 million towards the projects through prudent financial management and generous donations, demonstrating our determination to provide a substantial foundation before asking others to contribute.

The repair work at St Mary's is guided by independent professional surveys and specialist advice, while the redevelopment of St Mark's has progressed from a competitive feasibility study through detailed design to planning permission. Wherever possible fixed price quotations have been obtained for the construction work providing confidence in the costs and careful stewardship of resources.

Every donation will be used exclusively for the repairs and maintenance of St Mary's Church, or the refurbishment and extension of St Mark's Hall. If you wish, you may designate

your gift to either project. Otherwise it will be directed to where the need is greatest.

As the project progresses, the PCC will receive regular financial reports on expenditure against budget. A summary of the appeal's progress and expenditure will also be made available to donors.

Above all, we see ourselves as stewards of these buildings, caring not only for the generations who enjoy them today but also for those who will follow us. We are deeply grateful for every gift entrusted to us and are committed to using it faithfully and responsibly.

How you can help

To make a donation you can click on the QR code below:



www.denhamparish.church/give/

or contact the Church Office
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Tel: 01895 832771.
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treasurer@denhamparish.church

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to preserve St Mary's Church, which has served the people of Denham for centuries, and to create a renewed and enlarged St Mark's Hall, ensuring that both continue to serve our parish for many years to come.

MEET LENNY THE LION!

**Calling all creatives
under 18**



Lenny the Lion has been living in St Mary's Church since 1564, that's 462 years. Help him tell his story!

Write a short story about Lenny's adventures. Colour in a picture of Lenny or make your own drawing.

The best stories and images will be printed as a booklet, with all proceeds going to our appeal.

Why not raise some money yourself? You could use your time and gifts to wash a car, help with gardening... and give the money to our appeal.

Find out more:

www.denhamparish.church/lenny



Find out the latest about progress at St Mark's:
www.denhamparish.church/stmarks/

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**Fundraising
Target of
£300,000**

**St Mary's
£200,000**

**St Mark's
£100,000**

**Gift Aid
adds 25%
to your gift**