

Christ Church Hall



Gift Day

Saturday 21st April 2018

9am - 4pm

Donations will be received outside the Church Hall, or can be left at the Discovery Centre on the same day.

The Problems

Have you ever been to Siberia and felt the bitter cold? If not, just go into our main Hall toilets in winter and you get the same effect!



When the Hall was built in 1910 our hardy ancestors didn't put heat in the toilets - and so it has remained. Better to keep your legs crossed in winter than visit our toilets.

Many celebrations need a good kitchen to prepare the food. Anyone used to preparing food knows ours needs improving with modern facilities and good work surfaces.



After a long function, who wants to wash up by hand these days?

Good storage is always a problem and the more groups that use our Hall, then the more storage we need.

The one positive thing to be said of the black plastic chairs is that they don't owe us any money!

Some of the small tables have tops coming off, are difficult to stack, and are not smart for functions.

The large wooden tables are back breakers if you have to move them.

Where Memories Are Made



Like me, there are many in our village who have fond memories of special events in Christ Church Hall (*formerly known as the Parochial Hall*) from over the years.

It's where I first got to tread the boards as a Panto Dame, and many people met partners at Dances there in the past. Various Youth Activities gave young people somewhere to go and meet friends, and many celebrations and parties have occurred there over the years. Who can guess at the thousands of pounds raised by numerous charitable groups over the years?

The Church Hall is run as a facility to bring the community together, and you can see from the back of this leaflet the huge range of activities that must at sometime include virtually all the village in its use.

The rents charged are simply to cover costs, so when lots of work is to be done, then we have to ask for help - hence this appeal for help, as we seek to make some long overdue improvements.

Please read through this leaflet, and I hope you will be generous with your support so that future generations of Aytonians also have the chance of somewhere good to make memories.

Paul Peverell

Vicar

The Solution

We spent last year carrying out a feasibility study looking at full replacement, major re-ordering and extension or major renovation - depending on availability of funds and grants. Sadly the first two options were out when we failed to win any major grants.

Major Renovation

We want to **extend and renew the toilet block** behind the coffee lounge and make these the main (heated) toilets.

To make this accessible, we will **screen off the stage area** and clear the corridor, creating **a new store in the former Gents toilets** in the Main Hall.

The kitchen will be slightly reduced in size to create a **new store** accessible from the corridor, and the kitchen will be completely renewed.

We hope to install a **high speed dishwasher** in the main kitchen and a **glass washer** in the Coffee Lounge to encourage people to use glasses and crockery and not all disposable goods - its better for the planet!

There will be **new doors between Main Hall and Coffee Lounge.**

The old plastic chairs to be replaced with **modern comfortable chairs on trolleys.**

New small tables and banqueting size tables to be purchased to attract functions like weddings over the summer weeks to give a cheaper venue.

Wall Mounted TV Screen for playing DVDs, slideshows etc, on Coffee Lounge wall for funerals & functions

Your Response

We hope you approve of the changes needed for the Church Hall to benefit the Community, as we DO need your help.

We also have the day to day maintenance of two Listed village Churches - Christ Church & All Saints Church, so we are already stretched.

As this is a village community facility where many good memories have been made and continue to be made, we hope you will help us in investing in the future with a donation.

The budget we are working with is £120,000, but the good news is that we have already secured grants for £90,000 of it and are still working hard.

Please support us with a donation. I will be waiting outside the Church Hall to receive any gifts on our **Gift Day on Saturday 21st April between 9am - 4pm**, or left at the Discovery Centre, or ring or email me earlier it needs collecting. Or you can visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/christchurchhall-greatayton

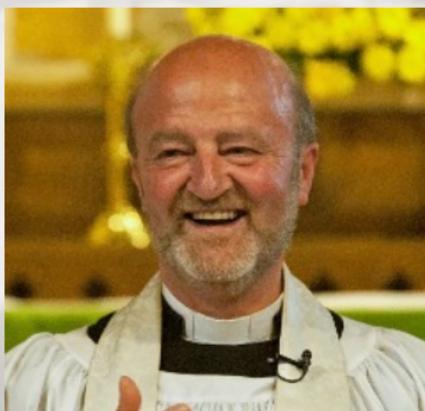
If you are a tax payer, then encourage the Chancellor to invest in Great Ayton too by completing the Gift Aid envelope. We will not pass any details on to anyone else, or use information in any other way.

Thank you, and hope to see you on 21st April.

Best wishes

Rev Pev

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Hall Groups & Functions

After School Clubs
Anniversary Parties
Badminton x 2 groups
Baptism Teas
Birthday Parties
Blood Donors
Bradley School of Dance
Brownies
Ceilidhs, Dances & Discos
Charity Lunches & Coffee Mornings
Coffee Lounge Communion & Cuppa
Concerts
Dramatic Society Plays
Discipleship Group
Flower Club
The Firm Youth Club
Funeral Teas
Guides
Little Fishes
Marwood School PE
Moo Music
North Yorkshire Horizons
Pantomimes & Shows
Polling Station
Public Meetings
Rainbows
Rugrats
Scouts
Strictly Fitt
Wedding Receptions