



Marlow Methodist Church

Sharing God's Love

2020 Vision & Mission Project Premises Newsletter

*Newsletter 1,
November 2020*

Vision and Mission Project Has Started!

Cllr Richard Scott, Town Mayor cut the ribbon for the new building development on Sunday 25th October. He said he was “delighted to attend a ‘real’ event and witness the beginning of an exciting project in Covid times”.

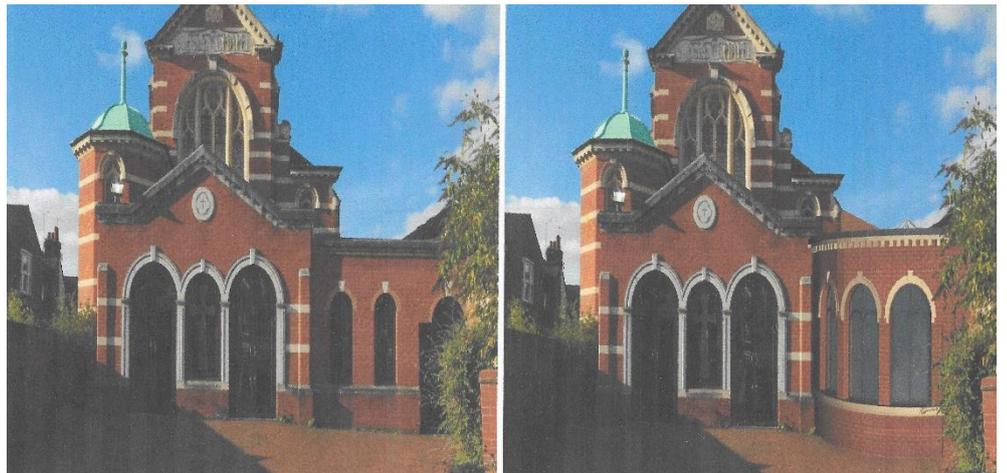


*Above, Town Mayor, Cllr
Richard Scott*

Hope in the Time of Covid

‘A warm welcome to all will be offered in the new building.

*Right Front of Church now,
and how it will look when
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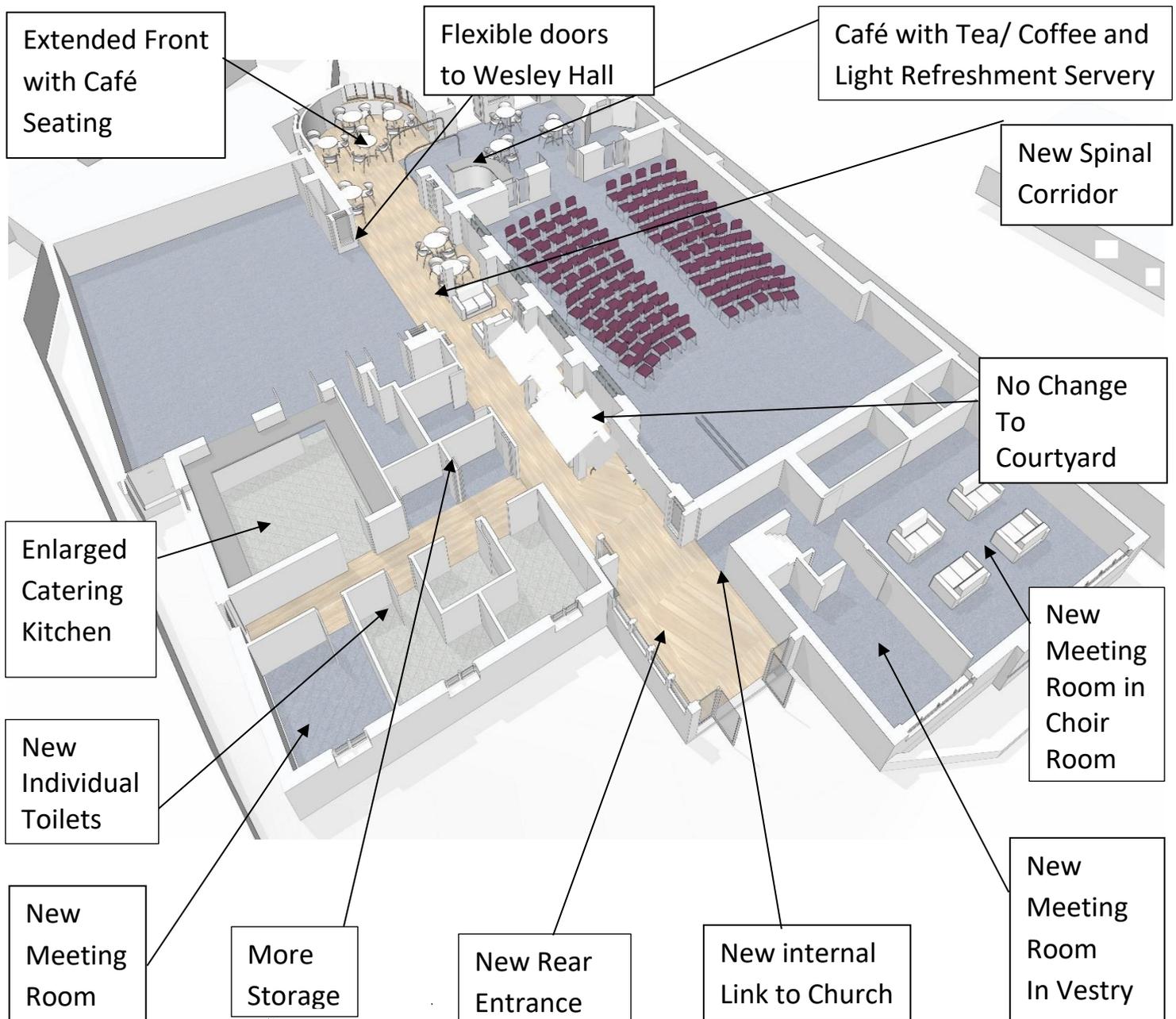
Above Rear Church now and how it will look when work is complete.

It will have a café, open five days a week, new toilets and kitchen, refurbished meeting rooms and a large new porch linking the Church with the hall,’ said David Duxbury Chair of the Vision and Mission Premises Group. It’s hoped the building will be completed next Summer.

Why Are We Doing The Project?

'As followers of Jesus Christ we are undertaking this exciting project as an expression of Hope and Good News. We seek to reach out in the love of God to our local community to create this new space for all people to find a warm welcome, a place to belong and generous hospitality,' said Rev Nick Thompson.

What Will 2020 Vision & Mission Premises Give us?



Design by Leap Architects

(With Minor Amendments,
Illustrative Only and Not to Scale)

Who Is Making It Happen?

Leap Architects and HNB, Building Contractors.

How Much Is It Costing?

The total project cost is estimated to be around £720,000.

How Much More Do We Need To Raise?

The generosity of members and hard work fundraising is something to be proud of, and the Project team thank all of you who have donated.

Furthermore, the willingness for organisations to provide us with Grants shows that this vision has huge support. This means that the majority of the total has now been covered by grants and fundraising.

However, we still have £12,500 to raise internally from the £150,000 challenge we set ourselves, and there may still be extra things to pay for.

What Is The Building Timetable?

- ✓ Work commenced 26th October
- ✓ We hope to be finished July 2021



Will We Be Able To Worship In The Church During The Building Works?

Initially there will be no access to the Church or car park during the building work. Arrangements have been made for us to worship at the URC (Covid rules permitting), from 6th December until 3rd January. This arrangement will then be reviewed. These will be our own services but with numbers limited within Covid restrictions.

Weekly broadcast worship services continue at 10.30am every Sunday on www.marlowmethodistchurch.org.uk Also available to view via YouTube later, on the same site.

How Will Our Regular Groups Meet?

Our Church family will continue to gather online and /or in Covid-safe groups in homes for worship, learning & caring, service and witness.

The **Wednesday Fellowship** have arranged to meet at the URC, once a month, subject to Covid Restrictions. Their next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th December at 2.30pm on the subject of Advent, led by Rev Nick Thompson, with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies -subject to Covid Restrictions.

Will Groups Be Able to Hire the Premises During the Building Works?

Some premises letting may be possible later in the project.

We Need Your Help!

- **Help Give The Building & Café A Name!**

Let Ros Drew know your ideas!

- **Pray!**

Thank You, God for those who laboured in the vineyard since Methodism planted its first seeds in Marlow.

Thank You for all who have inspired, planned, prepared, negotiated, fund-raised and given funds so that building works could happen.

Thank You for the hope this project brings in a seemingly hopeless time. Keep safe all who work on the site in the coming months.

Guide those who work on the reopening as a centre for mission and outreach to Marlow and bless those who will receive welcome and hope from the centre.

Help us to equip and staff the new cafe as a place for folk to gather for friendship, fellowship and love.

*Help us be ready for new opportunities and challenges to share the love and good news of Jesus Christ. **Amen.***

• **Join In Our Fundraising Activities !**

- Donations for food deliveries!
- Collecting 50ps and £1 coins!
- Doing Zoom quizzes!
- Sponsoring or doing virtual bike rides/ runs/ walks etc!
- Giving directly with gift or loan. Contact Mike Wright
- *Saturday in December – Christmas Wreath Making
- *Saturday in December Mini Christmas Market
- *Dining in for 6 –host 6 or be invited – Contact Liz Riches
- *Taxi service - via the ineedalift... email address
- Auction of Promises? Contact Liz Riches
- *Safari Supper
- *Girls Tapas & Boys Beer Night

*Subject to lock down being lifted and Covid 19 restrictions.

• **Give Us Your Fundraising Ideas!**

Contact Liz Riches.

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