

St Andrew's Church New Hall Appeal

Patrons: The Rt Hon Theresa May MP and Mr Philip May



For over 1,400 years, there has been a church at Sonning serving the parish and surrounding areas. Sonning Church is part of our community, history and heritage.

Throughout these times, St Andrew's has periodically been restored or refurbished; and on extremely rare occasions new facilities have been built.

It is with great delight that we are able to announce that St Andrew's has been granted planning permission to build a much needed new hall. This will enable the church to expand and host gatherings to benefit the parish community from young to old.



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The Church of St Andrew serving Charvil, Sonning and Sonning Eye



What will the new hall provide?

St Andrew's is dedicated to bringing the community together and runs many outreach programmes.

The new hall will provide:

A Place to Meet

After services, the church regularly provides refreshments offering worshippers an opportunity to meet new people and make friends in the community. The new hall will be able to host approximately 100 people after services (the St Sarik room only accommodates about 30).

A Place for our Children's Ministry to Grow

The Sunday Club has grown significantly and continues to flourish. There is an urgent need for more space and to divide the children into smaller age appropriate groups for their development.

A Place to Host

For example a place to hold the proposed senior citizens' lunch club for local residents. Older people are especially vulnerable to loneliness and there are no other local facilities available on a regular basis for such programmes.

Greater Accessibility for Everyone

Currently there is limited space at post service refreshments to accommodate and store wheelchairs and buggies. The new hall will be able to accommodate all buggies, prams and wheelchairs so everyone can easily access post service refreshments and fellowship.

What other benefits are there?

A New Adult and Junior Choir Area

The new hall would allow the adult and junior choirs to move from the church to the St Sarik room. This would provide the choirs with a much larger rehearsal room, a vestry, and a store for books and robes.

A New Baby and Child Area

With the choir moved, there will be an opportunity to turn the space in the church into a dedicated baby and child area complete with toys, books and storage.

A New Parish Office

St Andrew's is a busy, popular church with services held almost every day of the week. The focal point for all parish administration at present is the vicar's small study. A new parish office is urgently needed to provide space for the administration of the parish, and to provide an area for smaller, private meetings.



How can you help?

Donations

St Andrew's needs to raise £500,000 to build the new hall and landscape. Donations are necessary, so please give generously. Here are some examples of what your support could mean:

- £10 could pay for a roof tile
- £100 could pay for a section of cladding
- £500 could pay for a feature in the building or landscape
- £1,000 could pay for a window
- £5,000 could contribute towards a large oak beam

Acknowledgement of Donations from Individuals

Please let us know if you would like your donation to be anonymous on the donation slip overleaf. Named donations will be acknowledged in the building or landscape.

Organisations and Companies

If your organisation would like to make a contribution then please let us know your organisation or company name and it will be acknowledged in the building or landscape.

In Memory of a Loved One

If you would like to donate in remembrance of someone then please let us know the name of the person. Their name will be acknowledged in the building or landscape.

In Celebration of a Loved One

If you would like to donate in celebration of a birth, baptism, anniversary or marriage then please let us know their name(s) and they will be acknowledged in the building or landscape.

How to Donate?

Direct Bank Transfer is the Preferred Payment Method

Make direct bank transfers to:

Bank: *CAF Bank*; Account Name: *St Andrews PCC Sonning*;
Sort Code: *40-52-40*; Account: *00011793*. Please complete the donation slip overleaf, scan it and email it as an attachment to: donate@sonningparish.co.uk

Online

Please go to sonningparish.org.uk. Click on 'Church Hall Appeal' and you will be directed through the donation process.

By Post

Please complete and send the donation slip overleaf with your cheque made payable to: *St Andrews PCC Sonning* to:
Fundraising Appeal Chairman, Richard Moore, 27 Old Bath Road, Sonning, Reading, RG4 6SY.

Please enclose the slip overleaf with any donation sent.





Parish of Sonning: Donation Slip

I would like to give a donation of £..... to 'St Andrews PCC Sonning'
for the St Andrew's New Hall Appeal.

- If your donation is **anonymous** please tick this box
- If your donation is by **bank transfer** please tick this box
- If your donation is by **cheque** please tick this box

Your Name/Organisation Name and Address:

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Post Code:

If your donation is to be named in memory of someone state their full name here:

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If your donation is to be named in celebration of someone state their full name(s) here:

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I wish Gift Aid to be claimed on this donation. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

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