

*The story so far..*

St. Mark's Crescent Methodist Church exists to serve the community and we do that really well. However, our premises need a major refurbishment to make them fit for the next 20 years or so.

So **2020Vision** was born and after 5 years of preparation we now have the planning permission we need.

Of course there's loads more to do and over the next few weeks we'll be getting ready to seek tenders from builders with a view to starting work on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

However, in order to meet that goal we still need to raise more funds so read on to find out how we are doing and how you can help and how you can have fun while raising money for **2020Vision**.

**Friday Night Music** One of a series of Friday Night Music slots which have featured among others Songs from the Musicals, High Voltage Christmas, Music Hall specials and this fantastic string quartet.

Watch out for future great evenings for the suggested donation of a fiver!



### Success stories



Several fundraising events have been really successful. Two are.....

**Quiz nights:** Held bi monthly there is lots of support from friends and acquaintances, and with some challenging and fun questions we enjoy a great evening.

**Filmore Open House** now the **St. Mark's Garden Fete!** A wonderful way to bring folk together and both tell them about the project and elicit their support.

*More events overleaf.....*

### Money matters – (and it really does)

We still need to raise a considerable amount of money in Fundraising work, grants and loans.

We have a small team working really hard to raise grants and a small team working really hard to put on fundraising projects.

Our fundraising target (which includes gifts) to March 2018 is £44,000 which is stretching but we believe if everyone takes part and encourages their friends to support us, then it will be reached. Overleaf are some of the events we are staging but we really need your support in as many ways as possible.

If you have some funds which you would be willing to loan to St. Mark's on an interest free basis, please contact Ed Filmore, Treasurer.

Something everyone can do! A daily prayer .....

Dear Lord, thank-you for St. Mark's and for all the love, fellowship and service with which we worship you. Please help us to put our trust in you for the future as we work on our **2020Vision** Project. May we grow in our service to you and our community. Amen



## 2020Vision events coming up in the next few weeks .....

**August 19<sup>th</sup>. St. Mark's Garden Fete** 10.30 am– 3 at the church. Coffee, tea, light lunches, bouncy castle!

**Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Sunday Lunch

**Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>** Grand Jumble Sale and Secondhand Book Sale

**Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** Quiz night at Newlands School

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup>** Friday Night Music with recorder ensemble and Madrigals

**Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** Barn Dance

**Nov 4<sup>th</sup>** Combined Charities Fair

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>** Quiz Night at Newlands School

**Nov 25<sup>th</sup>** A Scottish celebration

*Details on noticeboards and website. Bookings: [bstc.boxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bstc.boxoffice@gmail.com)*

### Q. What can **I** do?

A. The important thing is to have fun!

Some ideas :

- ✓ Invite your friends for coffee or afternoon tea ask them for a donation.
- ✓ Offer to wash your neighbours' cars for a donation!
- ✓ Make some jam or chutney to sell.
- ✓ Get some friends together and get their friends to sponsor you all doing something - singing, walking, jiving, skiing ...

Or ask Eileen for hundreds more....

### Other ways to give.....

Shop Online? Please use the Giving Machine as your entry to a shop. You just need to log in, select St, Mark's **2020Vision** project as your chosen charity and then every time you shop in this way you will generate a donation to our cause at NO COST to you. For example some folk go to M&S to select their items then go on line via the Giving Machine , order, click and collect the next day. Simple.

### Who can I talk to about **2020Vision**?

We have a project planning group led by David Black and a Fundraising planning group co-ordinated by Eileen Chislett. The teams of folk involved are brilliant and any one of them will be happy to talk to you. So, in no particular order, Sara Motion, Keith Machin, Elizabeth Hogg, Ed Filmore, Chris Filmore, Mike Basford, Annette Basford, David Ridley, Richard Cattley. They are supported by other regular and willing helpers but we always welcome more!

**Cinderella , the Pantomime**, performed by The Broken Shoestring Theatre Company will take place on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 2018. Tickets available soon.... Oh yes they will be!

**STOP PRESS!!!!** Auction of Promises, Saturday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 at Maidenhead Golf Club. Tickets include catalogue and dinner, with Windsor Pantomime's famous dame, **Kevin Cruise**, to be our Auctioneer !!!

