

# Building Work Well Underway!

**After 6 years of preparation and 4 years of fund-raising, building work has been in full swing since 23 April and is due to finish in early November**

## ***What is our Vision?***

To consolidate and develop our position as a thriving, people focused, out of town Community Church by developing modern, welcoming and safe premises for the next generation, supporting a broad range of local community services with a growing emphasis on addressing loneliness in the elderly and, where necessary, partnering with charities to enhance our resources.

## ***What are we going to do?***

The project will provide:

- an enlarged welcome area and meeting space for café style interaction for all age groups, seating up to thirty people
- an enlarged meeting room for up to twenty-eight people
- clear separation of facilities, enabling simultaneous use without conflict of needs
- a single entrance/exit addressing our Safeguarding objectives
- renewed toilet and kitchen facilities

## ***Why are we doing it?***

- Need for good local community facilities and increased demand for use of premises
- Leaky flat roof, ageing kitchen & toilets
- Safeguarding & security issues

Our aim is to develop St Mark's place in the heart of the neighbourhood to meet local needs, attract other community groups and encourage newcomers to join the church

## ***How have we reached this stage?***

- Tireless work by planning and fund-raising groups
- Generous support and fund-raising from a host of members, friends & non-church groups
- Grants from Methodist sources, The Allchurches Trust, Beatrice Laing Trust, Louis Baylis Charitable Trust, Garfield Weston Charitable Foundation, Persimmons Homes, Prince Philip Trust, Shanly Foundation, Lions Club of Maidenhead, the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead & others
- Promises of interest-free loans

## The Building Before



## The Building Now



## Proposed 3D Model



View of the front entrance area

### ***What more is there to do?***

Unforeseen extras have arisen which have affected costs but £557,000 has been raised to date with the balance being achieved through generous offers of interest-free loans. Fund raising continues to repay these loans.

### ***How can you help?***

- Attend our fund raising events
- Organise a fund-raising event however large or small
- Make a one-off donation or pledge a regular gift (gift-aided if you pay tax)
- Purchase on-line from a host of shops/organisations at no cost to you through The Giving Machine
- Support us in prayer whether or not you feel able to do anything else