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- **donate online** by BACS, contact Chris Young on:
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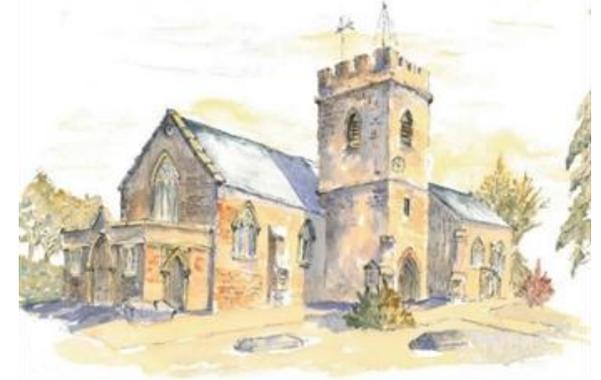
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Staplegrove Parish Church

Building for the future

Living in Staplegrove the Church of St John the Evangelist is your Parish Church. It has been the focus of community life bearing witness to God's love since the 13th century. It is here for you throughout your life; for baptisms, marriages and funerals; for you, your children and your children's children.

It is here for you at Christmas and Easter and any time you need emotional or spiritual support.

This ancient building has been well maintained over the years thanks to the Staplegrove community, but it is no longer fit for purpose in the 21st century

Things **need** to change, we now need to create an environment suitable for today and for generations to come.

To enable this to happen we are asking for your help.



“..... putting our Church into everyday lives.”

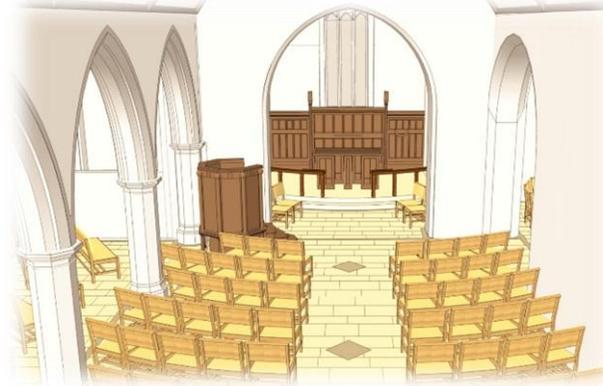
We want our Church building to be used every day of the week not just for Sunday and Thursday services.

St John's is an underused resource that can provide a focus, not only for Christian worship but as a meeting place for the community as a whole.

The Church underwent a major refurbishment in Victorian times but **the inside is little changed in more than 150 years**. To become a well-used building, welcoming the whole community, seven days a week, **it is time to change again**, to become fit for the needs of the 21st century.

Our plan is ambitious but simple in concept and with your help, totally achievable.

We will have a large flexible space for events and a smaller area for meetings, ensuring our Church remains, as it has always been, right at the heart of our community.



How the new layout will look

Plans include:

- **an efficient under floor heating** system that will reduce our carbon footprint.
- **a new floor** that reflects light and improves acoustics.
- **removing the fixed pews** and replacing them with chairs and some moveable pews.
- **improved lighting** with audio and visual aid equipment.
- **a servery** to provide refreshments.
- **a redesign of the South Transept** to create a useful and welcoming meeting space.
- **a Porch** that's lighter and more welcoming.
- **a redesign of the Chancel** creating an adaptable space for small services.
- **our Church will then be environmentally friendly, efficient and effective.**

Our architect has produced detailed plans which are now in Church for you to look at. It is open during the day - call in and have a look.

Our Church members have provided significant funds already and grants, donations and legacies are now coming in. We already have over a third of the funds needed. We are now seeking support from the wider Staplegrove community and its businesses to help us achieve our aim.

Please help us achieve this goal. If we can raise sufficient funds we will start work in 2016.

Thank you for your support.

Chris Young