



WARWICK METHODIST CHURCH

Be Joyful, Be Prayerful, Be Thankful

12th January 2025

Dear Members and Friends of Warwick Methodist Church,

Community Centre Kitchen/Toilets/Inner Door Refurbishment

Following the success of our beautiful Hall refurbishment, I am delighted to be writing to you about a major redevelopment project which is going to be taking place at Warwick Methodist this year.

At the Church Council meeting in November 2024, it was unanimously agreed to accept a proposal for a building project for the community centre, which will include installing a new kitchen, (units, appliances, heating, ventilation, flooring and decoration), complete refurbishment of the Ladies and Disabled toilets, plus new double glazed, automatic inner doors to allow access for all. This will enable our building to be more welcoming and more inclusive, as well as more attractive to potential hirers.

It was also agreed to appoint R & D Building Services Ltd as the main contractor with the work to start in July 2025, subject to the required funds being in place for the work to proceed.

The Church Finance and Property Committee have received four quotations for the refurbishment, and after adding in a reserve for any price increases or unforeseen costs, the total required will be £70,000.

The Church has a 'Way Forward' fund, set up many years ago for such a project, with a sum of £35,000 now being available, which means a further £35,000 is needed before the project can go ahead.

A number of grant applications are now being made for funds from various organisations who support charitable organisations working for the benefit of local communities.

At this stage, it is not known how successful these applications will be, **so your help would be greatly appreciated in helping to build up the 'Way Forward' fund in a number of ways:**

- **Firstly, we need to cover this project with prayer. God is interested in the details!**
- A gift day will be organised to accept any one-off donations you would like to make, or you may prefer to make a weekly/monthly donation.
- Perhaps you would like to organise a fundraising event, with the monies raised going towards this project.
- Another way you could help is by committing to lending the church an interest-free loan for 5 years for £1,000, should loans be needed to cover any shortfall. These loans would act as a reserve to ensure the work can go ahead and cover any problems that may occur.

If you can help or would like any more information on any of the above, please do talk to Trevor Blades, or any member of the Finance & Property Committee. We are very grateful to Trevor, who has already put a lot of time and energy into bringing us to this point.

Thank you for taking the time to read, pray over and consider this letter.

Yours, with joy, prayers and thanks,

Rev Sally