

God's Plans For Our Churches Are Much BIGGER Than Ours

In 2020 we, as a village church in South Cheshire, were ready to build a new youth room but it became obvious that we were 'called' to do so much more than that. As a whole Church we believe we were Spirit led. So much happened that it cannot have been a coincidence but rather, as one of our members calls it, a "God-incidence."

We had been raising funds for years, plans had been drawn up, permission granted and the builder chosen but then things changed.

A tree behind the buildings became diseased and dangerous and, despite there being a TPO on it, we were told it had to be taken down immediately. The canopy of this tree had grown with the tree next to it meaning that it was not safe to leave either of them, so both had to be taken down.

The next problem was the oil boiler. It was about to reach the end of its life and hadn't been heating the premises efficiently for some time.

Then we found the worship area roof was leaking.

So how do you proceed when all these other things are getting in the way? As a Church Council we decided to have faith, believe in our necessary mission and commitment to our community and saw everything as an opportunity to improve ourselves to make us even more active in the village.

It felt like a plan that was meant to be and it wasn't of our making; we were being led. We turned all these negatives into positives. When taking the trees down we kept the main trunks to be carved into statements of FAITH. As we were no longer required to protect the root systems of the trees we were able to double the size of the youth room. Due to the need to repair the roof, we were able to fully insulate it which meant we were able to remove the oil boiler and put in Air to Air heating in our quest to be more environmentally friendly. By removing some of the radiators we were able to upcycle them and make benches for the garden.

The work took 49 weeks to complete. It was a worrying journey but one of great vision and enthusiasm. We now have a beautiful Peace Garden which is open to the public, we have a Youth Room that young people of all ages enjoy and a hall, meeting room and Worship area which are warm, inviting and constantly in use.

I would like to thank TMCP for supporting us in this great adventure to serve Our Lord in these modern times. They are there to help and will do so if they truly believe in your purpose and MISSION. Just ask, just seek, just knock and keep knocking until that door is opened.

Yes, God's plans are far bigger than ours but what a privilege to be called to serve in His name.



Audlem Peace Garden



Youth Room in Action



Refurbished Hall area



Refurbished Worship area