## The Wesley Centre at Balderton Methodist Church WHERE THERE IS VISION GOD GIVES PROVISION.

It has been a long journey to reach this finished project but as a Church, we can now look to the future and be assured that we will have more modern facilities, a café/hub with flexibility for multiple use, a lovely new beautifully designed opening linking the newly refurbished buildings directly into the church Sanctuary, level access across the whole building with a platform lift and space within the worship area for people with mobility issues to sit in comfort. We are now able to offer spaces for multi-use! to compliment the work already in place as we accommodate our community. It's amazing to see the completed project and we are grateful to so many people who have helped us to achieve this, our church congregation and local community have tirelessly worked participating and organizing fundraisers, getting their sleeves rolled up when we needed a few more hands on deck, our wonderful catering team providing wonderful meals, amazing posh afternoon teas, home baking and so much more, there are so many thankyou's too many to mention, so many have willingly given in lots of different ways be it physically, practically or financially, we see the evidence of being together through the ups and downs as we met with unforeseen circumstances during the build. As we continue to build on Gods vision for Balderton Methodist Church we are focussed on the future and continue to seek opportunities to bring people to know Jesus in their lives, our mission statement is: We are a journeying Christian community, open to all, offering hospitality on the way, promoting community well-being, exploring spirituality and sharing the love of Jesus with all.

Our Community Café (Wesley's Café) is now well-established offering 200 Degrees Coffee and a range of food, homemade cake, panini's, toasties etc. Community groups who use the building come into the café after their sessions and will stay for lunch or just a coffee and a chat. The footfall is growing and we have established a place that people can drop in and feel welcome and supported. We have met and continue to meet lots of new people and are building friendships in particular between those who live alone. We have provided a safe space where they can come to and feel comfortable in the knowledge that we are here for them should they need a listening ear.

Our aim is to be open 7 days each week and we are achieving this by offering alternate options that cater for all age groups, for example every Monday there is a coffee morning, we continue to provide a free cooked meal (Warm Space) very popular and has continued over the past 2 years, our Café runs Tuesdays & Thursdays, a fellowship group meets on Wednesdays, we also run a monthly Big Breakfast and Film Club, weekly Playgroup and other activities involving our local community, so our doors are open most days and we continue to involve the community in all our activities, and value their input and support in the running of the opportunities/activities we offer.

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