

ST M'S EVENTS

THE STORY
SO FAR ...

HOW IT STARTED


In 2014 St Michael's Church explored ways of connecting better with its community.

The Church went on a journey facilitated by the Council for Social Responsibility where it took a long hard look at itself and at the wider social and cultural trends that were happening on its doorstep. The church looked at the gifts of local people, their aspirations for their community and the role of the church in realising them.


The church recognised that it was in dire need of an upgrade to offer an attractive and conducive environment for younger people and families and it needed to improve its environmental performance. It concluded that it must look for relevant and meaningful ways to provide energy, resources and spirit to sustain itself as the heart of the community well into the future.

The church opened its doors and actively engaged with the community, hosting community focused social events and asking what was important to people.


YOU TOLD US ...




Some fun
would be
good



Our kids
deserve
more



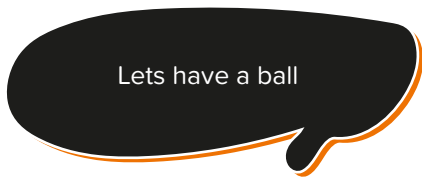
Yeah we
can help



Isn't the church
for old people?



Make it
warm!



Lets have a ball

TIME FOR A CHANGE

It didn't come easy, we held lots of consultations, delivered lots of engagement activity, asked a lot of questions and then we worked up an awesome plan.

Local people came up with the slogan Proud to be Paulsgrove and we are holding this central to everything we do.

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With help from friends we worked up a Renewing St Michaels scheme and went out seeking a chunk of funding and were eventually successful in securing nearly half a million quid to make some BIG changes from the Reaching Communities Big Lottery fund and the Council for Social Responsibility.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Renewing St Michael's and creating St M's Events, a community benefit co-operative.

The church has got a 'make over', things that were broken have been fixed, the church has been re-painted for the first time since it opened in 1957.

New furniture has replaced the broken pews creating flexible spaces, new lighting shines. The space is now something bright and beautiful and St Michael's has got a once in a generation opportunity to connect with it's community in new and dynamic ways.

We want to use these amazing new spaces more and more to generate a creative vibe and a feeling of warm hospitality.

We want to develop a genuine community benefit, and reckon it's a great way to involve our neighbours and local businesses – basically everyone involved, gets rewarded and it becomes a great way to benefit all.

WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

We want a sustainable events co-operative that delivers fun events and activities for locals by locals.

We want an awesome new way of delivering the things and values that are important in our society and we want to connect with as many people as possible.

We want to hold a GRAND BALL for Paulsgrove in the Summer, with music, dancing, food and drink and create an occasion to remember.

We want a church that is truly the heart and soul of its community.



WHAT CAN YOU DO

We want you to become a St M's Co-op supporter, you will get rewards for your time, meet new folk, enjoy new fun things, hone some skills and you get to shape your community.

We want to hear all your ideas about what St M's could be doing and how you might want to help.



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 St. M's Events

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What do you hope St M's Events will be?

How can St M's Events be important to the community?

How might you like to get involved?

In one word describe how you felt when you walked into the church today?