

The Stocksbridge Christian Centre

Rededication of the church as a flexible worship and community space.

We would like to invite you to our celebration of the work that has been done to turn the church into a flexible seven-day a week worship and community use space.

We are having a special event at 3.00 on Sunday 8th December 2024. We will have a short service, followed by a buffet tea. The preacher will be the Rev Gill Newton, the Chair of the Sheffield Methodist District, who has supported the scheme through its planning and fund-raising.

We are celebrating the completion of Phases 1 and 2, which have been funded mainly by grants from church related bodies and the Sheffield City Council. These phases have cost almost £300,000.

- Phase 1 of the scheme involved installing a new catering kitchen and improving the electrical systems, security, heating etc.
- Phase 2 created a new entrance, which will have level access, and disabled parking, a new lobby, toilets and store.
- (Phase 3, which we plan will start in November, funded mainly by the National Lottery, will convert the former church hall into bespoke spaces mainly for the Food Bank, the Community Outlet, the proposed community café, and the new children and families' space. We expect to hold a civic ceremony for the community and funders in spring 2025 when that is completed.)

We expect to be able to seat a maximum of 100 people, in the re-furbished worship space, so the singing should be great!

Please email Angela Webster, Angela.Webster13@hotmail.com if you are coming, so that we know how many are planning to come.

There will be an opportunity to visit the Food Bank and the Community Outlet during the afternoon to see what they are doing.

There will be very limited parking in the church car park, limited to blue badge holders. There is plenty of on-street parking and there is the open ground below the Community Centre.

You won't be surprised to know that we will be taking the opportunity to seek contributions to the re-development costs, from yourself or your church or group. We were not sure about doing this, but we feel that friends and well-wishers may want to make a donation, however small. We still need to raise about £20,000.

We do hope that you are able to come. We just need to know how many might be coming and who! We really look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Lucraft : Minister

