

'A Space for our Community'

Dear Neighbour,

Lockdown has shown us how little space there is within our community (Coleridge ward) for people to meet socially. In order to address this we recently opened Tommy's café at St Thomas's.

Many people were expressing a desire for a place to meet and chat with a cup of tea and where activities and social events could be held.

St Martin's - just next to Coleridge Community College at the top end of Suez Road - could be that space and become a true community resource where people can meet, socialise, celebrate, learn and share.

We already have some ideas: the big one is to replace the pews in the church with moveable seating. This will create a flexible and open space that will be able to be used for a wide range of community activities.

Thank you for all suggestions we already received in recent months.

There are lots of things we could do, like hosting concerts and film evenings. A lovely garden space at the back of the church would make it an ideal venue for garden parties and wedding receptions.

To make this vision a reality we will have to raise some money. Insulated panels will need to be installed on the inside of the roof to keep the space warm all year round. Quality chairs will replace the pews and there is also some electrical work that needs doing.

We will be applying for grants. Evidence that we have your support will make all the difference. This is the reason we have produced this questionnaire - to get your support and feedback.



So please, please complete this short survey. Your feedback will mean that a valuable, if not priceless, community resource will become a reality in the heart of our community rather than stay a dream!

Thank You!


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