



# The Next 150 Project

Our vision to renew the St John's Church for future generations.



## Welcome & Vision

For 150 years, St John's has stood at the heart of Ealing as a place of worship, welcome, and hope. Generations have prayed here, sung here, served here, and found God's presence in this beautiful building.



As we celebrate our 150th anniversary on **27 June 2026**, we look back with deep gratitude – and we look forward with boldness.

This is a “once in a lifetime” moment.  
A moment to honour our heritage.  
A moment to strengthen our church today.  
A moment to renew our building for the next 150 years.

We are launching **The Next 150 Project** – a visionary plan to secure our finances and renew our building so that St John's can continue to be a home of worship, community, and mission for generations to come.

We'd love you to get involved too!

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# Strengthening Our Church Today

St John's is growing in life and ministry, but like many churches, we face financial pressures.

At present, we are forecast to have a **£60,000 deficit** for 2026 unless we increase our regular giving and one-off giving.

Regular (planned) giving is the foundation that keeps our ministry strong. It supports:

- Worship and pastoral care
- Children's and youth ministry
- Heating, lighting, and essential running costs
- Staff and ministry support
- Community outreach and hospitality

We are inviting every member of St John's to **consider starting, reviewing, or increasing** their **regular giving**.

We are **aiming for an increase of £2,500 per month** to meet our higher regular costs.

One-off **gifts toward closing the deficit** are also deeply appreciated.

We have been blessed by those who left a **legacy to St John's in their will** – perhaps you could do the same?

## Introducing The Next 150 Project

Alongside strengthening our regular finances, we are seeking to prepare our church for the future.

We are entrusted with a wonderful building – but it needs significant investment to remain safe, accessible, and fit for modern worship and community use.

The total estimated cost is **£800,000**, delivered in phases as funds are secured. We already have £220,000 set aside and will be applying for match-funded grants where available.

The Next 150 Project is about more than maintenance. It is about upgrading our building and creating a worship space that is ready for the next century of ministry and enables all those coming in to meet Jesus.



# What Needs to Be Renewed

To prepare St John's for the next 150 years, we need to invest in:

- A new, energy-efficient **lighting system**
- A modern, reliable **sound system**
- **New carpets** in the main worship space
- Improved **accessibility** throughout the building
- Repairs to the **building fabric**
- Additional upgrades identified through professional surveys

Each of these improvements will enhance worship, improve welcome, reduce running costs, and protect our heritage building for future generations.



## Our Three-Phase Plan

We will complete the work in three phases, beginning each one only when funds are secured. This ensures responsible stewardship and long-term sustainability.

### Phase 1: Essential Upgrades - £40,000

- New sound system – **£30,000**
- Accessible worship space – **£10,000**

*Improving clarity, welcome, and usability for all.*

### Phase 2: Enhancing the Worship Space - £315,000

- New lighting system – **£125,000**
- New carpets – **£65,000**
- Interior repainting – **£125,000**

*Refreshing the heart of St John's for beauty, comfort, and worship.*

### Phase 3: Long-Term Vision & Sustainability - £445,000

- Repairs to building fabric – **£280,000**
- Replacement of old heating system (heat pump) – **£130,000**
- Solar panels – **£35,000**

*Protecting our heritage and reducing our environmental impact.*

# How You Can Be Part of the Next 150

## 1. Give Regularly

Regular giving is the most powerful way to support St John's. It sustains our ministry and helps close the £60,000 deficit.

## 2. Give a One-Off Gift \*

You may choose to support the deficit or contribute to The Next 150 Project (or both). Gift Aid increases eligible donations by 25%.

## 3. Sponsor a Piece of the Future \*

You can choose a symbolic item to represent your gift, such as:

- Sponsor a carpet tile – **£25**
- Sponsor a metre of cabling – **£50**
- Sponsor a step toward sustainability – **£100**
- Sponsor a light fitting – **£150**
- Sponsor an accessibility improvement – **£250**

## 4. Offer Your Time, Skills and Prayers

As well as financial contributions, we are seeking volunteers for the **Project Team**, people with professional skills, helpers for fundraising events, and last but not least, those who will **pray for the Project**.

Every contribution matters. Thank you!

\* Sponsorship amounts are symbolic and help illustrate the impact of your gift. Donations will be allocated according to your preference if stated, otherwise used where most needed. Once the deficit is met, further donations will be added to The 150 Project.

## Thank You

Thank you for being part of the St John's family.  
Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your commitment to our shared future.

**Together, we can build a church ready to serve  
The Next 150 years!**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11

## How to donate

**1. By Bank Transfer** (pick up a leaflet in church)

Please add a reference:

**“General”** if you want this to go to plug the deficit or

**“The Next 150”** if you want to add to the Project Fund.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid form.

**2. By Cheque** payable to “St John with St James PCC”

**3. By using the Giving Machine at the back of church**

**For any questions, email [finance@stjohnsealing.org.uk](mailto:finance@stjohnsealing.org.uk)**