

# Past, present and future

CSMBC has been around in various forms since before 1824, but that's when the first chapel was built. There were various other renovation projects through the years, but it was in 1983 that the old chapel was demolished and the current building put in its place. The lower floor was initially a car park before being filled in to create the Centre halls. So we want to continue that history of having contemporary and practical buildings.

As we move into the future, our plan is to create a more welcoming environment as people enter the main church building through a larger lobby with renovated toilet facilities, leading to a new entrance into the modernised worship area with a coffee bar and serving space. We'll have a new crèche facility that will double as a comfortable, mid-sized café lounge and a refurbished prayer room.



## ... flexible premises

From Toddlers to Tea Break and Kidzone to Cosmic, all ages use our church premises. In fact it's used most days of the week for prayer, teaching, outreach and community activities, as well as being hired out for use. So having renovated facilities and new mid-sized rooms, including a comfortable café lounge and coffee bar area, we'll have more options and greater flexibility in how we use the building to reach out.

We also plan to remove the garden area between the car parks in front of the church and have movable planters, so our parking space can be more flexible.

## ... building together

When the Israelites returned from exile with Nehemiah, they were faced with a huge task of rebuilding the ruined walls. Thankfully we're not rebuilding ruins, but the way in which they did it can work for us too. Inspired by God, they made freewill offerings and gave their time and energy into working alongside one another, each family responsible for one section of the walls. And so today, using our financial and practical gifts, we too can work alongside each other, not only to build premises, but also our community in the process.



## Possible timescale:

Phase 1: The Centre – complete by June 2015  
*Expand Room 1; Install room partitions in hall; Install temporary storage and meeting room unit outside.*

Phase 2: Main Worship Area – begin Sept 2015  
*Change direction, decorate and modernise main room; New crèche facility and café lounge; Refurbished prayer room.*

Phase 3: Lobby Entrance, Toilets and Coffee Bar – complete by end of March 2016  
*New glass front doors; Widen main entrance lobby; Renovate toilets; Create new entrance into main room with new coffee bar and serving space.*