MYTON CHURCH



BUILDING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

TOGETHER FOR
THE GLORY OF GOD,
THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY &
THE GENERATIONS TO COME

We invite you to join us in this opportunity to help create a new future for the Westbury Centre, serving the church and wider community for generations to come.

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THE OPPORTUNITY BEFORE US

In every generation there are moments that define what will be left behind for generations to come. Moments when a community chooses not merely to maintain what it has inherited, but to invest sacrificially for the benefit of future generations.

At Myton Church, we believe this is one of those moments.

Myton Church stands within a Christian heritage stretching back almost 150 years, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and serving the communities of Warwick, Leamington Spa and beyond. Today, we have a unique opportunity to build on that legacy for current and future generations.



The Westbury Community Centre has been a valued community hub since 1966 and has been a key part of Myton Church's growing ministry for more than a decade.

Yet the building is reaching the end of its life.

The discovery of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) within the roof structure means significant intervention is now unavoidable. Alongside this, the building suffers from outdated facilities, poor accessibility, and increasing maintenance challenges. Independent assessments have concluded that the current building cannot serve the needs of future generations.



At the same time, God has been growing our church family. More people, more ministries and a wider range of activities mean that the limitations of the existing building are increasingly restricting what we can do. Together, these practical challenges and opportunities for growth make clear that we must act now.



As we have considered these challenges, we can see clear signs of God's provision. The acquisition of the neighbouring office building, the securing of a 250-year combined lease for the whole site, planning approval for a new purpose-built centre, and the faithful generosity of the church family have together laid the groundwork for a new building that will serve both the church and the community long into the future.



We invite you to join us in this once in a generation moment by prayerfully considering how you can support this redevelopment to become a lasting resource for gospel ministry, community life, and future generations.



Malcolm Boyd
Chair of Trustees (on behalf of the Elders)

OUR VISION:

MAKING JOYFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS, FROM OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS TO THE NATIONS



The building is not the vision. The mission is the vision.
This project exists to serve that mission.

The roots of Myton Church can be traced back to 1881, taking on its current name in 2003. Across numerous generations, the church has sought to make joyful disciples of Jesus Christ and serve the communities of Warwick, Leamington Spa and beyond. Today, Myton Church is an independent evangelical church and registered charity serving a congregation of around 300 people, led by a team of Elders and supported by staff, ministry leaders and volunteers.

In 2014, Myton Church took on the lease of the Westbury Centre with a conviction that God had placed the church in South Leamington to

serve the local community and the wider area. Over the following decade, the centre has become an increasingly important hub for ministry and community life, welcoming local residents, families and organisations throughout the week. It has served as the home of Myton Church's worship, discipleship and outreach, helping people of all ages explore the Christian faith and find community and belonging.



South Leamington is a diverse and growing community, with a rich mix of people, cultures and local organisations. Like many communities across the country, some individuals and families face pressures and challenges, and local schools and community services play an important role in providing support where it is needed. In this context, Myton Church seeks to share the hope of Jesus Christ, strengthen community life and demonstrate God's love in practical ways.

Beyond our doorstep, Myton Church has always had a heart to share the good news of Jesus with our nation and around the world. We are partnered with national and international charities and mission organisations in their work across a range of community settings and outreach opportunities. We also support church members in short- and long-term mission opportunities, with a family from the church soon to move to France as missionaries.

"It has been a privilege for me to visit Myton Church over the years, and I have always been impressed by its clear gospel priorities, community engagement and wise leadership. The new project is much more than an investment in a building. It will open the door to significant opportunities for strengthening the church, equipping the next generation, and enhancing the church's proven contribution to the community. I am very glad to support this timely initiative."



Jonathan Lamb
Former CEO, Keswick Ministries; Director, Langham Preaching; Associate General Secretary, IFES



A GROWING CHURCH FAMILY

God has graciously brought growth in both the depth and breadth of our ministry. Church attendance has consistently **grown by 10% each year** for the past couple of years. Today, the church family includes around **240 adults and 80 children,** with average Sunday morning attendance of **approximately 260 people across two services**, alongside a third Sunday evening gathering. Throughout the week, **13 midweek house groups** provide opportunities for fellowship, discipleship and pastoral support, while active **men's, women's and 20s-30s ministries** help people build friendships, grow in faith and welcome newcomers into church life.



The congregation comprises people from 25 different nationalities, of all ages and backgrounds, including families, young professionals, students from the nearby **University of Warwick,** and those who have been part of the church community for many years. Students are an important part of church life, supported through regular student lunches, Bible teaching, pastoral care and family-linking relationships that seek to provide both community and spiritual encouragement during their time at university.



As our church family continues to grow, so too does the need for spaces that enable people to gather, build relationships, welcome newcomers and support one another in following Jesus.

> *"Myton Church was a huge part of my time at university. From day one, I was welcomed as part of the church family. Through the thoughtful student programme, I found a space to ask questions, grow in my faith and build lifelong friendships.*



The generosity, care and encouragement of this church have helped shape my faith and equip me for ministry.
Having completed my year as a Ministry Trainee at Myton, I'm grateful for the continued prayer, mentoring and support as I prepare to go to Thailand as a short-term mission worker.
I pray that, through this building project, many more people will find a place to belong, grow in their faith and be equipped to serve others"

Jess Cheung, previous student and Ministry Intern at Myton Church





EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH



Fewer than half of people in England and Wales now identify as Christian, while more than one in three have no religious affiliation. Only around 5% of adults attend church weekly. Yet the UK remains a strategic mission field, where faithful local churches have a vital role in sharing the gospel in an increasingly secular society.

At Myton Church, we are committed to helping people encounter the good news of Jesus Christ in this changing context. Over the past year, **27 guests attended our Life Course**, providing a welcoming opportunity to explore Christianity and ask questions, while we were delighted to celebrate **13 adult baptisms**, giving thanks for lives transformed through faith in Christ.

Alongside our in-person ministry, Myton Church shares teaching and resources through **YouTube and Spotify**, extending our reach beyond Leamington and Warwick and enabling people to engage with the gospel wherever they are. Outreach initiatives such as our regular **Jazz Evening** in a local venue, combining live music with a guest talk, create further opportunities for people to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and accessible setting.



Through these ministries, we seek to serve both our local community and the wider mission field that God has placed on our doorstep.



"I have known Myton Church for more than 30 years. It is a warm, welcoming and dynamic community of God's people, bearing witness to the Christian message across many areas of local life. It is a church worthy of our support."

Lindsay Brown
Former General Secretary, IFES, and International Director, The Lausanne Movement

DEMONSTRATING GOD'S LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITY



Serving the local community remains central to our vision. Around **42 young people attend Friday night church youth groups**, while **Holiday Club** and the **Light Party** welcome over **100 children and young people** every year. A weekly **toddler group** brings together around **30 children and their parents or carers**, while weekly **community lunches for around 30 people**, and an annual **community fun day** provide opportunities for friendship, support and connection.

Beyond Myton Church's own activities, the Westbury Centre provides a home for a variety of community groups, including arts and dance classes, as well as social welfare and support services that benefit local residents.

Together, these activities help strengthen community life, support local families and demonstrate God's love in practical ways.



> *"I would like to say a BIG Thank You! for running this club and I hope you know how valuable it is for parents who don't have childcare planned (you saved me for two days by keeping my child busy!) or can't afford to pay for one. Much more, I admire the church team's effort and pouring yourselves out to serve the community in this way and make Jesus known to little children."*

Holiday Club parent feedback





"Myton Church brings tremendous care, support and encouragement to the local community. The Westbury Centre has a long history at the heart of South Leamington, and this redevelopment offers a wonderful opportunity to give it new life for future generations. I am excited by the difference a new building could make for the area and its residents."

Nick Wilkins
Councillor, Leamington Brunswick Ward and Former Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa





THE NEXT CHAPTER
FOR THE WESTBURY CENTRE

The growth of the church has reinforced a clear conviction: the need is not simply for a larger building, but for a facility that enables Myton Church to continue making joyful disciples of Jesus Christ, serving the local community and creating more opportunities for future generations to encounter the hope of the gospel.



Over the past three years, Myton Church has worked with architects, engineers, community stakeholders and professional advisers to explore the future of the Westbury Centre. Existing users helped shape a vision for a building that can continue serving both the church and the wider community.

After considering a range of options, including repairing the existing roof, refurbishing the current building and relocating elsewhere, it became clear that none would provide a sustainable long-term solution.

The plan is therefore to demolish the existing Westbury Centre and replace it with a new purpose-built community hub and home for Myton Church.



Visualisation of the planned new building



Architects Drawings

Supported by the acquisition of adjoining Jubilee House, the securing of a 250-year lease and planning approval, the project will create a modern, accessible and sustainable building designed to serve local people for generations to come.

The new building will provide flexible space for church services, youth work, community services, local partnerships, and more. At its heart will be a large multi-purpose hall, alongside meeting rooms, activity spaces, a welcoming café area and improved facilities throughout. Careful consideration has also been given to safeguarding to enable options for multiple user groups at the same time.

Designed with accessibility, sustainability and long-term community and church use in mind, the new hub will build on everything that makes the Westbury Centre valuable today while creating capacity and resilience for the future.



2014
Westbury Centre lease secured

2023
RAAC identified and redevelopment options explored

2025
Jubilee House acquired and 250-year lease secured

2026
Planning application approved

2027
Fundraising completed and construction begins (with your support!)

2028-29
New Community Hub opens

"The Town Council supports this application as a much improved, welcoming, safe and fully accessible space which will meet many needs over the long term."

Royal Leamington Spa Town Council

WHAT THIS BUILDING WILL ENABLE

At Myton Church, we have a **clear vision for 2032:** to see 10,000 people invited, 1,000 people personally engaged, and 10 people sent into gospel ministry and mission. We are praying that God would make us a church that invites widely, engages personally and sends generously. This new community hub will provide the space and flexibility needed to help that vision flourish.

INVITING WIDELY

Through worship, outreach, community activities and everyday relationships, the building will create opportunities for more people to hear the good news of Jesus Christ, explore faith and connect with church life.

ENGAGING PERSONALLY

Flexible spaces will support discipleship, pastoral care, hospitality, youth work, training and small groups, helping people of all ages grow as followers of Jesus.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES

The new facility will strengthen our ability to serve local families through children's and youth ministries, cafés, holiday clubs, food provision and community activities that bring people together and demonstrate Christ's love in practical ways.



As people are equipped and encouraged in their faith, our prayer is that they will be sent into their neighbourhoods, workplaces, schools, universities and beyond. The building will provide a long-term base from which future leaders, mission partners and gospel workers can be trained, supported and sent.

SENDING GENEROUSLY



A LASTING HOME FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

Secured through a 250-year lease, the Westbury site provides a unique opportunity to establish a permanent home for worship, discipleship, community engagement and gospel ministry in the heart of Leamington.



JOIN US IN INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

£4.2m
Total Cost

£1.8m
Currently Identified

£2.4m
To Raise

The total estimated cost of delivering the project following planning permission is approximately **£4.2 million**, including demolition, construction, professional fees, infrastructure works and project contingencies.

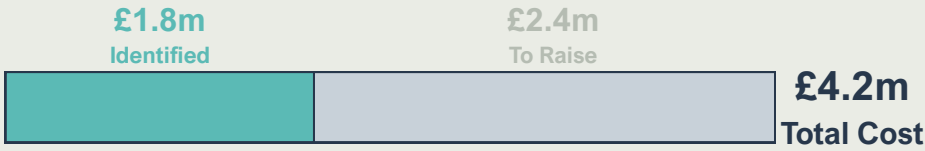
Encouragingly, significant progress has already been made towards this goal through the generosity, commitment and sacrificial giving of church members, volunteers and supporters who share the vision of creating a lasting resource for the community and future generations.

In addition to this, the Church has already paid in full £270,000 to purchase the long-term lease on the adjoining building, as well as paid for the costs incurred in bringing the project to planning permission. This represents a significant investment already made in laying the foundations for the project.



Through a combination of existing funds, pledged giving, ongoing Building Fund contributions, available reserves and potential lending facilities, approximately **£1.8 million has been identified towards this total so far.** This includes*:

- Over £400,000 currently held within the Building Fund.
- £33,000 in outstanding pledges.
- £65,000 expected from ongoing Building Fund giving in the coming year.
- £130,000 from available reserves and budget surpluses.
- A potential mortgage facility of up to £1.2 million.



This commitment reflects the willingness of church members to make sacrificial investments in a vision they believe will benefit the community and future generations.

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Myton Church is seeking to raise at least **£2.4 million** through a combination of individual gifts, grant funding and church partnerships. Securing significant funding is needed before construction begins in 2027 (target) as this will provide a strong foundation for the redevelopment and help reduce reliance on borrowing

Funds raised beyond this target will further strengthen the project's financial resilience, reduce the long-term mortgage burden, and help ensure the Westbury Centre can serve future generations with confidence.

We know that we cannot do this alone, so we are seeking partners who share our desire to see lives changed. Together, we can build something that will serve both church and community long into the future.



WAYS TO SUPPORT

PRAY



Pray for wisdom and provision as the project moves forward, and that this new building would bring glory to God, strengthen the local community and allow future generations to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.



GIVE

Will you join us in investing in the next chapter of Myton Church's story?

The redevelopment of the Westbury Centre is an investment in future generations. Every gift, whatever its size, will help bring this vision to life.

The total cost of the project is £4.2 million. Through the generosity of church members, supporters and funding partners, approximately £1.8 million has already been identified. We are now seeking to raise at least £2.4 million.

Support may take the form of one-off gifts, regular giving, multi-year commitments, legacy gifts, charitable grants, or support from partner churches and Christian organisations.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please remember to Gift Aid your donation. Gift Aid increases the value of your gift by 25% at no additional cost to you, meaning a £1,000 donation becomes £1,250.

GIVE TODAY

To make a donation and complete a Gift Aid declaration, **scan the QR code or visit:**

https://www.mytonchurch.org.uk/building-project

If you are considering a larger gift, overseas giving, giving through a donor advised fund, a gift of shares, tax-efficient giving or a legacy gift, please do contact us directly (details on the next page). We would be pleased to discuss how your giving could make a lasting impact.

CONNECT

Please share this opportunity with others. Send this proposal to anyone you know who may be interested in supporting God's work in Leamington Spa, Warwick and the UK through prayer, partnership or financial support.

If you would like to learn more about the project, arrange a visit, explore a partnership, receive project updates, or discuss a potential gift in confidence, **we would be delighted to hear from you.**

Malcolm Boyd, Chair of Trustees

Contact Ed McMillen (Church Elder)
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Visit https://www.mytonchurch.org.uk/building-project

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Myton Church is committed to being a careful and responsible steward of every gift received through the Building for Generations to Come campaign.

Should fundraising exceed the amount required to deliver the redevelopment, any additional funds will be used to support the long-term sustainability of the Westbury Centre, including reducing borrowing, maintaining and improving the facilities, and supporting the Centre's ongoing community and ministry activities.

This will help ensure that the impact of every gift extends far beyond the completion of the building project and benefits future generations.

Myton Church is a registered charity (Charity No. 1212969). In 2025, the Church became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), succeeding the previous charity (Charity No. 1098033).

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"When I was a student away from home for the first time, Myton Church helped me discover my faith and gave me friendship, mentoring and a real sense of belonging. The church community continued to support my wife and me through some of life's most important moments. This redevelopment offers an exciting opportunity for many more people to find faith, friendship and practical support in the years to come."



Dr Krish Kandiah OBE
Founder, The Sanctuary Foundation