



Spring Craft Fair

## Dear Friends,

As you may know, St John's celebrated its 150th Anniversary last year. As we spent time in 2022 celebrating what a place of community St John's has been for many years - it is only right we now look to the future and imagine what the next 150 might look like.

Whilst we are ultimately fundraising throughout this campaign, I encourage you to look through this leaflet focusing on our *past, present and future* with a heart of thanksgiving for all that the people of Harleston have given to make this much loved community space what it is today.

If you do feel able to contribute towards our vision and plan for the future, as we seek to continue to transform the building of St John's into an up to date, safe and welcoming space for the community, details can be found on the rear of this leaflet.

Most importantly, I hope this leaflet reminds you that we are here for people of all faiths and none, to be used and enjoyed by the community we seek to serve.

Your priest, Nigel



## How YOU can help!

Initially we hope to raise £50,000 to fund the installation of a new, modern heating system and make repairs to the hearing loop.

Any support you can give, however big or little will go towards making St John's a space the community can enjoy for generations to come!

### Contactless Giving

*You are able to give directly to our 'Community Space Development Fund' in the porch of St John's using contactless!*

### Online Giving

*We have launched the ability to give online to our fund using the QR code or by visiting:*

[7churches.org.uk/harleston](https://7churches.org.uk/harleston)



### Cash/Cheque

*Cash and cheque donations are most welcome to be placed in the wall safe in St John's clearly marked 'Community Space Development Fund'*

### Legacy Giving

*We are eternally grateful to those who have left a financial gift to the St John's in their will and Revd Nigel would be pleased to discuss this with anyone in the future.*

# St John's, Harleston

## *Past - Present - Future*



*Help develop St John's into a community space able to be used by the people of Harleston for generations to come.*



# Past

# Present

# Future

1872

The Church was built at a cost of £4,500 equivalent to £542,000 today!

1980's

The kitchen and porch areas where developed and the oak panels put in place you see today.

1989

The current heating system was installed, initially said to be too hot the engineers where asked to turn it down by a few degrees!



Accessible toilet

The accessible toilet was installed in the porch of St John's with great thanks to the Friends of St John's who fundraised over £30,000 to complete the work.

2015

The kitchen was refurbished to be suitable for catering. This was undertaken by members of the congregation!

2017

2019/20

2019 saw lots of changes to St John's as a large project was undertaken to provide flexible seating to enable a wider range of community events to take place. The sound system was upgraded and by 2020 two new screens had been installed for use by community groups.



Warm Room  
Informal Singing  
Foodbank Hub  
Remembrance Day Service  
Coffee Mornings  
Historical Society  
Forget-Me-Not Cafe  
Christmas Fayre

Community Cafe  
Cookery Course  
U3A  
Not-for-profit Community Hire  
Midweek Mingle  
Family Events  
Harleston Sancroft Academy  
Rangers

2022  
St John's celebrated its 150th anniversary!



in 2022 we celebrated:

21 Baptisms      6 Weddings      12 Funerals

2023

Many community groups make use of the community space in St John's including...

We hope to continue the journey St John's has been on to transform this building into a place of sanctuary for the community.

Our first step is to replace the ageing heating system with a modern energy efficient air-source system as our current gas boiler has been made obsolete.

A new system has been carefully chosen to provide the best value for money when heating and crucially to be incredibly energy efficient and help us on our journey to net-zero.



**Might you be able to help this journey at St John's?**

See over for information on our new 'Community Space Development Fund' to support St John's achieve this goal!

A selection of recent community events.

