



St Paul's Church

Parish of Old St Pancras

Project Newsletter 1 – May 2019

St Paul's Church has served the local community for 170 years. Our chapel, hall and gardens are in constant use supporting a thriving congregation and several community groups. The Parish Office hosts clergy, staff and volunteers from across the Parish, while the parsonage provides accommodation for our pastoral assistants. However, the poor state of the current building (built in 1956) limits our ability to serve the community and threatens the continuity of our church in the future.

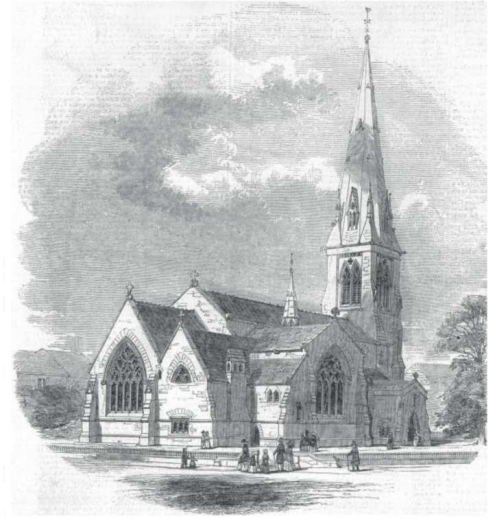
The current building cannot be repaired and urgently needs to be replaced. We hope to rebuild a new community building and chapel, revamp the garden, and replace the church offices and living accommodation. Modern and welcoming new facilities will enable us to meet the needs of current and future generations and help and inspire us to do more.

In the next few months we plan to gather ideas from the community to help shape our vision for the future. We hope to engage with a range of individuals and groups including members of our congregation, our neighbours, and others involved with our wider community. We want to find out what people think of the existing buildings and activities at St Paul's Church, and what people would like to happen here in the future.

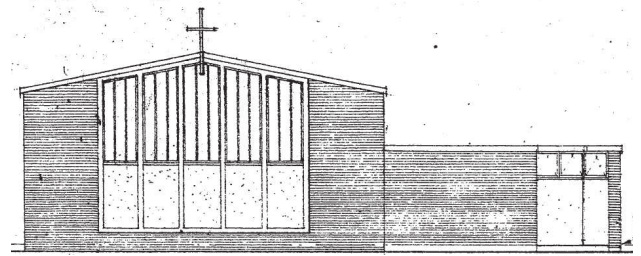
Please help us to develop our ideas for the project by completing a short survey. You can pick up a paper copy from the Parish Office or complete it online at <https://bit.ly/2WSq1nd>. The survey will be open until 11th July 2019. We also have a project webpage, posp.co.uk/st-pauls-church/future, where you can find out more and sign up to our mailing list to be kept up to date with the project and future events and activities. And - a date for your diary - on Sunday 30th June we'll be holding our Summer Festival (Festival Mass at 11:30am followed by a garden party from 12:30 to 3pm).

We look forward to hearing from you, and to working together to develop our vision for the future of St Paul's.

Father James Elston



A Neo-Gothic church on the site was destroyed in WW2



In 1956 today's church and community hall was built



A thriving congregation and community groups use the space today



Sixty years on, and the building urgently needs to be replaced

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