

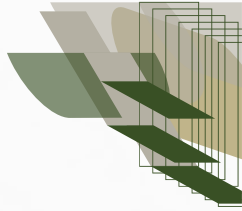


Parish Hall Development 2026

Vision for Tomorrow

"May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands."

Psalm 90:17



A Message from the Parish Priest

Dear Parish Family,

Over the past year, St Ann's has witnessed remarkable growth. Our parish community has **increased by more than 230%**. New families, young people, children, and seniors have joined us. Our church is alive with faith, prayer, and activity.

With growth comes responsibility. Our current hall has served us faithfully for 60+ years. However, it now faces **clear limitations: restricted capacity, ageing wiring, insufficient heating, limited storage, and facilities that no longer fully support** the needs of our expanding parish.

After careful reflection and prayer, and through the generosity of a benevolent and long-standing parish donor who has pledged £300,000, we have begun exploring **the renovation and extension of our parish hall, together with a proper kitchen, sacristy, and an altar servers' room.**

This project is not merely about a building. It is about strengthening the pastoral heart of St Ann's for generations to come. We proceed with prudence, transparency, and in full consultation with the Diocese. **A Core Committee has been formed to guide this journey with accountability, unity, and faith.**

Please continue to pray for wisdom and harmony as we take these important steps together.

With gratitude and hope, **Fr James Raj**





Our Vision

To shape a Parish Hall that reflects the warmth of our Church
Serving Faith, Fellowship, and Future generations.

We envision:

A Hall that Welcomes

A space where families, children, young people, and seniors feel truly at home.

A Hall that Serves

A flexible environment for catechesis, parish formation, youth gatherings, senior activities, meetings, and community engagement.

A Hall that Protects

Improved safeguarding arrangements, appropriate privacy for altar servers, accessible facilities, and thoughtful circulation throughout.

A Hall that Sustains

Designed carefully so that appropriate hiring to the wider community may contribute to the long-term sustainability of parish life.

*Pastoral mission remains the priority.
Financial sustainability supports that mission.*

The Parish Hall Core Committee



Chair: Fr James Raj

Project Lead: Gregory Duval-Koenig

Secretary: Yasmin D'Souza



Finance Liaison: Joseph Rajmohan and Gregory Duval-Koenig

Fundraising and Parish Support: Fr James Raj, Sr Ursula Eberhardt, and Margaret Aceger

Architect and Design Liaison: Joy Duval-Koenig, Fernanda Ruiz, and Caterina Keyrouz

Construction and Technical Advisory: Tom Cottrell

Health and Safety and Compliance: Flavian D'Souza

Parish and Community Voice: Chris Flint, Suzy Flint and Carman Vasquez

Youth and Next Generation Voice: Almina and Luciana

External Advisory Support: Cappagh Group of Companies and Sean McCormack & Nico Brenninkmeijer (long-standing parishioners)





Core Committee's Commitments

We commit to:

- Prayerful discernment
- Financial transparency
- Diocesan compliance
- Safeguarding standards
- Responsible planning
- Long-term sustainability
- Clear communication with parishioners





What Is Being Considered



At this exploratory stage, the following are under consideration:

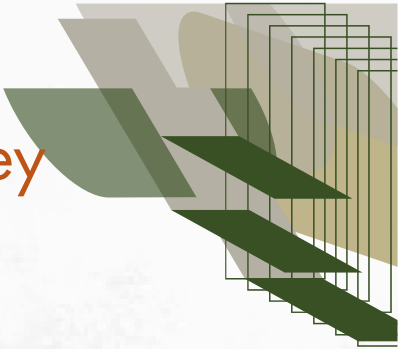
- A hall with seating capacity for approximately 120 people
- A light parish kitchen (not a commercial catering kitchen) suitable for hospitality and parish events
- Toilets in line with regulations and hall capacity
- A new sacristy with built-in cupboards for vestments and clerical items
- An altar servers' room ensuring privacy and safeguarding
- A possible meeting or conference room
- Conversion of the current sacristy into accessible overflow seating
- Adequate storage space for hall furniture
- Preservation of existing car park space

All elements remain subject to diocesan approval, architectural assessment, and planning permission.





Let Us Walk Together on This Journey



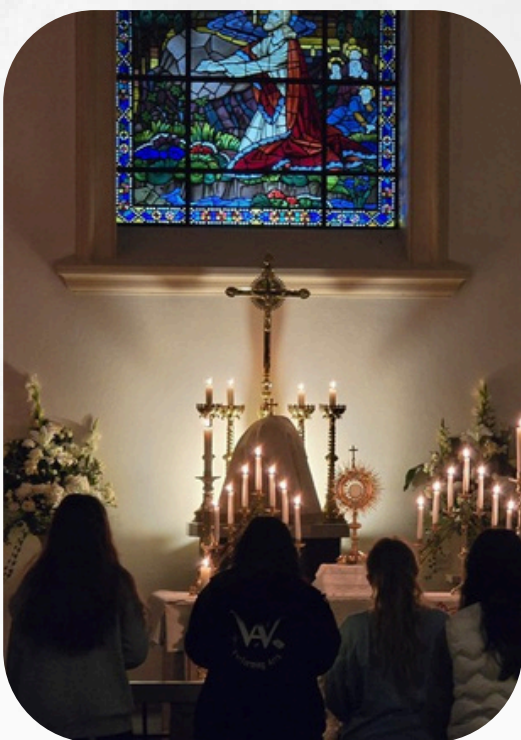
This project belongs to the whole parish family.

As plans develop, we are committed to providing regular updates through parish notices, newsletters, and meetings. We want to journey together with openness and clarity at every stage.

Share Your Skills and Experience

Our parish is blessed with **many professionals, tradespeople, designers, planners, accountants, and individuals with valuable life experience.** If you believe you have expertise, knowledge, or practical insight that could help this project, we warmly invite you to reach out to the Core Committee (kingstonhillgac2@rcaos.org.uk).

Prayer for the Parish Hall Development



Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the growth and unity of our parish family. As we plan the renewal of our parish hall, guide us with wisdom, prudence, and integrity. Bless all who serve on this project, and help us to work in harmony and trust. May this hall become a place of welcome, formation, and fellowship for generations to come. May all we do be for Your glory and the good of St Ann's parish. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





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*"Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain."*

Psalms 127:1

May this project be built not only with plans and materials,
but with faith, integrity, and shared love for St Ann's.