

# Could your church benefit from a Methodist Grant?

Take a look at some of the recent successful projects

Over £460,000 made its way to 10 Methodist churches in a recent wave of Methodist Grants. The funding is supporting building development projects that will bring church growth, increased community engagement, and improved accessibility:

Here are a few of the inspiring projects to benefit from this funding boost:

## Grange Methodist Church, Cumbria

Grange Methodist Church is a well-used building in the centre of Grange over Sands in Cumbria.

The church provides a foodbank, children and youth groups, a men's breakfast group, lunches for older people and hosts an AGE UK drop-in and Mind mental health sessions.

To keep growing these vital support services, the church is undergoing a transformation. A £100,000 Methodist Grant will help to create a new accessible extension and rework of the current interior. The new space will be eco-friendly and will include new toilets and a kitchen.

## Wesley Road Methodist Church, Wiltshire

Trowbridge is an area where there are a number of needs within the community. Wesley Road Methodist Church wants to help address these needs and provide a safe space for people from all backgrounds.

The church is currently looking tired and not fit to provide necessary community services. Having already raised 75% of funds, £40,200 from Benefact Trust's Methodist Grant programme will give the church the money it needs to create a welcoming, fit-for-purpose space. The redevelopment will include fully accessible toilet facilities, improved community halls and kitchen facilities, and a disabled access entrance.

## Darley Methodist Church, Yorkshire

Darley Methodist Church is a beautiful chapel set in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. The church has a thriving congregation and an active programme of outreach.

A £1,900 Methodist Grant will enable Darley Methodist Church to provide an environmentally friendly and inclusive base to increase its community outreach



by replacing the doors and windows with heat-saving alternatives, making the building warm and welcoming.

## The Avenue Church, Devon

The Avenue Methodist Church is a vital building within the community with nothing else offering the same size and space. Sadly, the building currently has limitations which means it can't be used to its full potential. For example, the largest meeting room on the first floor has no toilets attached, which means vulnerable people don't have access to basic facilities.



A £28,800 Methodist Grant will help to improve the accessibility of the church and will open-up the building to more than 350 people per week.

**Recent changes to the Methodist Grant Programme means it now supports repair and maintenance projects (not building development initiatives) that are essential to the mission and ministry of your church.**

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## Fundraising in less-affluent areas

Many churches are located in less-affluent areas and in this economic climate, fundraising is even more challenging in communities in need. Our guide to fundraising in less-affluent areas is designed specifically for challenges such as these.

Read our guidance to re-energise you in your efforts to bring vital funds to your community.

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