



**St Joseph's Parish**  
Chalfont St Peter, Gerrards Cross

Reaching out  
campaign

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**£1.85m  
Appeal**



# St Joseph's Parish

## New Community Hall Appeal

As a Carmelite Community, we are the latest in a long line of pastors serving here for over 110 years. Our roots go back more than 800 years, and when we arrived in the early 20th century, the site was just a house and a green field. We built the church, and from there, the Parish Community began. Thanks to the energy and generosity of each generation, the Parish has continued to grow, with support for both sacred and social life.

Over time, the surrounding area has transformed dramatically, and with it, our responsibilities have expanded. We are not just caretakers of our Church, but also of the outreach we've developed in the wider community.

Today, we ask for your help. A new hall is planned — eco-friendly, economical, and designed to meet modern needs. It will support local groups, enhance our work, and strengthen the legacy we've inherited. Please support this project. Our future starts today!

**Thank you for your support.**

**Fr Bob Davies, ODC**  
**Prior and Parish Priest**



# Reaching out campaign

## Celebration of Church and Community

**A space to connect, a place to grow**

**Inspiring faith, fostering friendship**

Reaching Out is our campaign to replace outdated facilities with a new Community Hall that will bring the church and local community together, strengthening community spirit.

### **The project includes:**

- A modern, eco-friendly 250-seater hall, which can be divided into two soundproofed meeting rooms. It will feature a fully equipped kitchen, accessible entrances, toilets for all users, and ample storage.
- New storage and display space for St Joseph's Furniture Market, along with a purpose-built facility including a toilet for volunteers. This will expand its capacity to support both the church and local charities.
- Relocation of two garages from behind to the front of the Priory to improve access to the new hall.

# Our work in the community

**In addition to serving the church and parishioners, the hall has been a vital hub for three key charities and many local groups.**

## The London and Slough Charitable Trust

Each Monday, parish volunteers prepare food for up to 150 homeless people in London and 130 in Slough. The Trust relies on the hall for storage and food preparation, with support from local churches including St Mary's Anglican and St Teresa's Catholic Church in Beaconsfield.

## St Joseph's Furniture Market

This charity collects and sells donated furniture at affordable prices each Saturday, supporting several local causes. Currently operating from a small, damaged prefab with limited space, they urgently need better storage and display facilities to continue their work and expand outreach.

## St Vincent de Paul

SVP supports individuals and families facing isolation, mobility challenges, and poverty. Their work includes home visits, practical assistance, and transport. The new hall will host their social and fundraising events, such as garden parties and pancake mornings.

## Other local groups

The new hall will also serve a wide range of local activities, including youth theatre, dementia support, bereavement groups, Pilates, indoor sports, charity events, retreats, AA meetings, the Catholic Women's League, and more.

## The current hall

Built in the 1930s/60s, the existing hall is now closed due to serious issues, including rat infestation and asbestos, making it unsafe and unfit for use. It will need to be demolished.



# Ways to support

1. Sending a cheque made payable to  
**St Joseph's New Hall**
2. Making an online payment to our account:

Sort code

**60-06-11**

Account number

**36303518**

Account name

**RCDN St Joseph's New Hall**

Payment reference

**NAME**

3. Complete a Gift Aid Form
4. Organise a Fundraising Event

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