



Paving the way for Church in the Community

Dorking United Reformed Church was built in 1834. It is a grade II listed building, on a large site in the centre of Dorking. It is also a lively community centre that provides other facilities and has a busy schedule of weekly events and classes. A building of this age is a significant challenge to maintain.

The West Street Umbrella Appeal is so named because it describes the need to provide a safe walkway and maintain a sound roof. The longer the damage persists, the more extensive, and expensive, the repair becomes.

We need to raise over £100,000 to pay for urgent roof repairs and provide a safe passageway to connect the Church with other buildings on the site.

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Our church has been a place of refuge, worship, community use and celebration for many years. We trust all those who have passed this way have found comfort, solace, fellowship, strength and joy in this place supported in all things by the love of God.

We would like to continue to offer everyone the opportunity to stop, reflect and enjoy all life has to give and be enriched by faith. We welcome all people, young, old, able or challenged, members or visitors, to this place.

To the rear of the church is a beautifully graded and landscaped 'Oasis' courtyard that we would like to extend into the walkway between the church itself and main hall. Take time to look at the names etched on the brick walls recording those who walked that path years ago and left us the legacy of the buildings we see today.

*"His glory will shade the city from the heat of the day
and make it a place of safety,
sheltered from the rain and the storm."*

Isaiah 4 v6

Inside the church, you will notice dampness above the balcony on both sides of the organ pipes. Hardly surprising perhaps after 185 years!

Damp arising from the need for roof repairs is very damaging not only to internal finishes, such as the roll of honour of wartime casualties but also to the underlying structure. The longer the damage persists, the more extensive, and expensive the repair becomes.

Could YOU donate to the West Street Umbrella Appeal?



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