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St. Margaret's Church
Topsham



The Dream Big Project

It's time to celebrate the successful commissioning of our fabulous



Lunchtime concert-goers enjoying the newly refurbished Social Area in the church

St. Margaret's is not only a place of worship but also a venue for activities involving children and older people, and for concerts, community gatherings, exhibitions and social events.

The recent installation of accessible toilets and modern catering facilities has greatly contributed to how this important historic Topsham building can be used and enjoyed.

How things looked then



The Served and the Social Area in the west end of the church as they looked **BEFORE** refurbishment

Before the refurbishment our serving, children's area and storage spaces were noticeably inadequate and our church had no toilets.

Something had to be done

Our **Dream Big Project** was set up to raise funds for creating much-needed new facilities and so far we have received many wonderful contributions to the Project (rounded to the nearest £1,000):

Initial PCC contribution	16,000
Individual donors including Gift Aid	102,000
Rental income (1 year contributed by PC)	34,000
Grants	89,000
Fundraising events	12,000
Bank interest	2,000
VAT refund	8,000
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	263,000

The work has now been carried out and we have paid:

Construction costs	217,000
Professional fees	86,000
TOTAL COSTS	303,000

Therefore our
**CURRENT
SHORTFALL
= £40,000**

The shortfall has been borrowed from the church's reserves but fundraising continues, to ensure that the amount is repaid.

How things look now



The new modern serving facilities. We also have two gleaming new toilets!



The new inclusive serving counter



The new flower arrangers' preparation area

Our professional team

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