



Parish Development and Funding News

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Parish Profile: St Anne's, Wrenthorpe Church Hall

What was the project?

The busy church hall was in desperate need of renovation - toilets, a new disabled facility, new floor, chairs, fire exits, storage and refurbishment.

How much did it cost?

The project ended up costing about £37,000 but we had to do quite a bit of the decorating work ourselves. We still have more to do in decorating the kitchen, supper room, side entrance and outside doors - we're not finished yet!

Where did you get the funding from:

Coalfields Regeneration Trust, WREN, The Bishops Development Fund and Garfield Weston provided the main funding along with some fundraising from the congregation who raised a massive £5,000.

Who did it and how?

The project was really led by Jean (PCC Secretary) who did a fantastic job of filling in the forms, with the help and support of the Vicar, Ruth and Treasurer, Malcolm. There was also fundraising done through the Christmas Fair and coffee mornings, along with support from the Scouts and Hullabaloo Toddler Group who did their own fundraising for the project.

What problems did you face?

It was a frustrating process with funders asking really awkward questions and struggling to understand how the church is organised and constituted. The support of Susan Parker from Church House was invaluable in answering these and giving us the confidence to get started - and knowing she was there was a real boost.

Advice for other parishes?

Don't be put off! You can do it! Keep a number of copies of all the supporting documents (i.e. photos or bank statements) - if you're photocopying one, do four! You'll need the same things for nearly every application. Oh and any daft questions, just ask Susan!



GRANTnet

Looking for Funding?

The Diocese of Wakefield has subscribed to GRANTnet, an interactive database of thousands of possible funding sources to enable parishes and other local church organisations to search for funding free of charge.

What is GRANTnet?

GRANTnet is a straightforward **free** to use service, which can help find funding for your activity or project.

Why should you use it?

It is an easy to use system to search for funding for any planned church repairs, restorations, development or new activities - it can be used to identify funding for any project you hope to undertake! It searches both locally and nationally as well as looking for European pots. No matter how big or small your project is, there should be something for you!

Who can access it?

Anyone involved in your Parish or related community group can access GRANTnet, go to www.wakefield.anglican.org/grantfinder



Spotlight on

grassroots grants **Grassroots Grants for Grassroots Groups**

Volunteer and community groups with an income under £30,000 can apply for a grant of £250 to £5,000

These are government funded grants which are intended to benefit the community. They can be very wide-ranging, including: the purchase of equipment, support for community events, training and staffing costs, overhead and rent costs etc. To find out more and how to apply in your local area go to:

Barnsley
South Yorkshire Community
Foundation
www.sycf.org.uk
0114 242 4294

Calderdale
Community Foundation for
Calderdale
www.cffc.co.uk
01422 438738

Kirklees
Community Foundation for
Calderdale
www.cffc.co.uk
01422 438738

Wakefield
Community Foundation for
Wakefield District
www.communityfoundationwakefield.co.uk
01924 789166

Money money money!

Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust: Small grants (generally under £10,000) to help with the preservation, repair and maintenance of churches in Yorkshire. Will support ramps and toilets if the Church is within 10 miles of a specific landfill site - www.yhct.org.uk for more information.

WREN: Three schemes available - large grants (£15,000 - £50,000), small grants (£2,000 - £15,000) or large Biodiversity projects. They have a very strict operating area, and projects must fall within those areas - www.wren.org.uk for more information.

Biffa: Grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 to provide or improve community spaces, cultural facilities and places for outdoor recreation. Again has a very defined operating area - www.biffaward.org has a clear postcode eligibility checker and more information.

Church and Community Fund: small grants (generally under £5,000) generally aimed at parish projects that respond to local need and which seek to bridge a gap between the Church and the local community - www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk

Church Urban Fund: Small grants (up to £5,000) available to communities in the top 10% most deprived areas (check www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk) through its Mustard Seed programme - www.cuf.org.uk for more information or contact [me](#) to apply.

Bishops Development Fund: Small grants (up to £5,000) available to churches in the Diocese of Wakefield to support mission and community outreach - www.wakefield.anglican.org/bdf for more information or contact [me](#) to apply.

Family Social Welfare Council: Small grants (generally not over £1,000) to support the churches in the Diocese of Wakefield in their work with family and community activities. To apply to the Council, please contact Stephen Skellern on 01924 250473 for an application form.

And finally...

The Bishop's Development Fund and Church Urban Fund are pleased to host

Transforming Communities

St Thomas Church, Bradley on Saturday 6th Feb 2010 from 9.30 - 1pm

An event to give information and ideas for parishes looking to Transform their communities with workshops including project ideas, funding and retaining Christian distinctiveness. It will be held at St Thomas Church, Bradley on Saturday 6th Feb 2010 from 9.30 - 1pm including a light lunch. Look out for more information and booking forms coming soon, or contact [me](#) for more information.

Contact me

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*“If you can’t
feed 100
people, then
feed just one”*

Mother Theresa

