



# May 2019 Newsletter



**MISSION  
POSSIBLE**

With the building work completed and the new stained glass panels in place, these are the new interior and exterior views of our Church. More photos inside.

Dear friends,

## Pastoral Letter

It was wonderful to share in the celebrations to mark the completion of the Mission Possible building work last month and to give thanks for the vision, hard work, prayer and generosity which have helped to create such a transformation. Caryl Hallett's striking stained glass windows, in particular, have added beauty and become a source of inspiration as they hold before us Jesus's call to faith, hope, love and peace.

We now have a new challenge: to make sure our lovely premises are put to good use to share the love of God with the community around us. During the rededication service we sang of a church where 'all are welcome', a church: 'built of hopes and dreams and visions', a place where 'all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew' (StF 409). How will we let our new premises breathe new life into our worship? Where do we need to 'reach beyond the wood and stone' and get more involved in community life and the life of the wider world? What changes will we make in the way we do our cleaning and catering, to show we take our responsibility for the care of God's creation seriously? How will we find new ways to pass on the story of Jesus and sow seeds of faith for the future? How will we nurture those seeds so they can grow?

At Christmas my sister gave me a present of some 'funky vegetables', well a 'funky vegetable seed kit' to be more exact! I was excited at the prospect of growing purple carrots, stripy tomatoes, multi-coloured chard and red brussels sprouts, but the instructions told me I had to wait till April before I could plant the seeds. I put them to one side and then forgot all about them! Just before Easter, I stumbled over the box again, and this time I didn't have to wait. I popped the seeds into pots and waited to see what would happen. A couple of weeks passed, then came the thrill of seeing the first tiny green shoots appear and all my earlier excitement was rekindled. It will be several months before any 'funky vegetables' are ready to harvest, but they are on the way!

Our new windows remind us that Jesus has given us the seeds of faith, hope, love and peace to plant and tend. If we forget about the seeds and don't do anything about planting and nurturing them, they aren't going to grow. Seeds need time to grow, so if we want to plant for the future, we have to start now. As Mission Possible moves into a new phase let's do what we can to sow seeds of faith, hope, love and peace here in Oakworth and commit ourselves to helping them grow.

Every blessing *Barbara*



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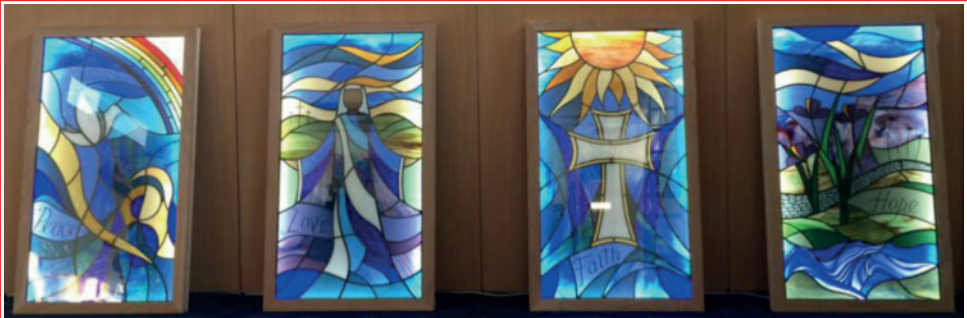
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# Oakworth Methodist Church



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# MISSION POSSIBLE PROJECT



## Celebration & Dedication Weekend

Well - we finally made it - **Mission** seemingly **Impossible** has finally become **Mission Possible**! It was time to celebrate and what better time to choose than our Church Anniversary Weekend at the beginning of April?

There was a wonderful turnout for the big event on the Saturday morning when people had the opportunity to look round the new Annexe and refurbished church and all were amazed at what has been achieved. The stunning stained glass panels have lifted the whole ambience of the room. Rev Ruth Crompton led a lovely dedication service and some of the Panto Team took part in it too.



It was great to welcome back Rev John Hudson and Gail to lead our Church Anniversary Service the following day and he involved all ages in the worship! Thanks.





# **MISSION** **POSSIBLE** The Dream is Alive!

The contractors arrived on site on 16<sup>th</sup> July with the intention of completing the building works in 16 weeks. The foundations took longer than anticipated but were completed at the end of August. The walls then grew quite quickly but, because of the confines of the site, every brick and piece of equipment had to be manually carried from the car park to the rear of the site where the Annexe was being built, so everything took longer than expected. However, the roof was finally completed at the end of November and the solar panels were added.

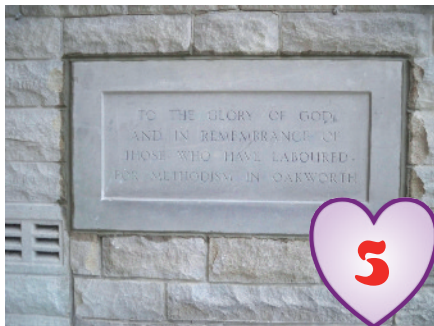




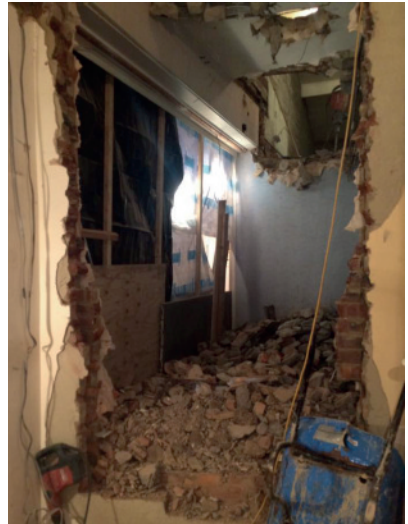
The Foundation Stone needed lifting above the level of the landing for the new front door. The 1959 Time Capsule was recovered, opened, contents checked and then resealed in a larger container along with some 2018 items.

1959 items: Keighley News, Methodist Recorder, Preaching Plan, Stone Laying Order of Service and some coins.

2018 items: Keighley News. Mission Possible Business Plan, Newsletter, Preaching Plan, Panto Programme, Church History booklets and notes/coins.



Some internal alterations were done at the same time as the Annexe was being built but most had to wait until the roof was on.



One of the most time-consuming tasks was demolishing the solid concrete ceilings of the old Pre-School Store and Sanctuary and removing the side walls of the Sanctuary. However, this has really opened up the space around the Sanctuary and given us the flexibility to use this space more creatively.



Sunday Services were held in the Lounge during the building works. The new carpet was laid just in time for the Christmas Services!



The new front doors and Foyer, together with the new steps, ramp and larger car park have greatly improved the front of the Church. The smaller banking and central garden will be easier to maintain once replanted as well.

The other photos below highlight what a transformation the new Annexe has made to the rooms at the back of the church. Much needed storage has been provided at ground floor and first floor levels. The new Wesley Room and Vestry are both much more fit for purpose. Pre-School are now secure in their side of the building so the Church, Lounge, kitchen & toilets can be used by other groups when they are in. We are delighted with the outcome of this project!



New Foyer



New Annexe Entrance



New Wesley Room



New Wesley Room & Tea Point



New Vestry



One of the new 1st Floor Store Rooms



Pre-School Play Area





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# MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL



## Co-op Local Community Fund

The 2018 Co-op Local Community Funding round raised a brilliant £4,201.81 plus an extra payment of £444.31 from another Co-op source towards the cost of the work done in the Church Garden and Car Park. A BIG thank you to Co-op members for helping us raise this fantastic sum. **Mission Possible**, KYDZ Youth Theatre and Oakworth Community Trust are all

sharing the proceeds of the current 2019 fundraising round - please support us by becoming a Co-op member and always using your card when you shop there.

## Mission Possible Fundraising

Since the last Newsletter, several successful events have helped boost the **Mission Possible** total. The monthly Film Evenings now regularly draw audiences of 40-50 people of all ages and the last six films have brought in £1,020 between them - the most popular being 'Peter Rabbit', 'Christopher Robin', 'Mama Mia 2' and 'Mary Poppins Returns'.

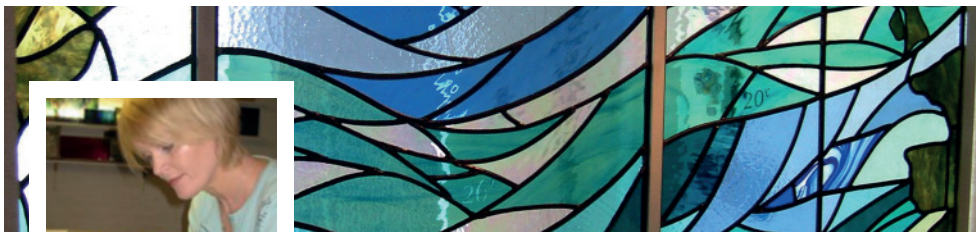


The Pantomime Parents raised £1,220 at the Christmas Fair and during Panto week and the Caravan Auction realised a further £310. Our final Evening with Ian Dewhirst in October raised £412 and the Craft Stalls at two Coffee Mornings brought in £505. Brownies collected £300 in their Smartie tubes and donations from KYDZ Show profits added another £127. The Celebration/Dedication Weekend raised £415, whilst bank interest and other donations added a further £9,050 to the grand total. Thanks again for all the support.

## Balancing the Budget

With £427,087 now secured towards the main **Mission Possible Appeal**, we are in sight of our £450,000 target. We are very grateful for the generous interest-free loan from the Airedale Circuit to bridge the funding gap and fundraising continues until the loan is repaid. We can also apply for other grants towards parts of the work not yet started. Check out what is coming up in the Diary and the adverts - we have some brilliant films for your enjoyment - and don't miss the Cabaret and Mini Meal next month - involving church and community groups!





**Caryl Hallett Stained Glass**  
[www.carylhallettstainedglass.co.uk](http://www.carylhallettstainedglass.co.uk)

Caryl Hallett has designed and created the beautiful stained glass panels based on our themes: Peace & Love, Faith & Hope. She met with a group at church to look at the draft designs and was more than happy to incorporate suggestions made into the finished products. The cost of the design, creation and installation of the art work came to £7,200 and a separate appeal was launched in March to anyone who would like to offer a donation towards the cost, perhaps in memory of a loved one or as a special thanksgiving offering. £5,900 has already been raised; the appeal will remain open until we reach the target.

## Church Fundraising

We are also grateful for continued support to our other social events. Old Mother Hubbard, acclaimed our best pantomime ever, raised a record £5,800 for church funds; £1,090 was received from the Marathon organisers after our intrepid team made soup and cake for the runners (*picture below*); as well as the Craft Stall takings, the November Coffee Morning brought in a further £375 and the March one made £260; the Christmas Lunch was as popular as ever, raising £300; £155 was donated in the Sunshine Bags and our Village Christmas Fair Stall took £20.

Thanks to all who organised these events.



# Always look on the bright side of life

Some things in life are bad,  
They can really make you mad,  
Other things just make you swear and curse;  
When you're chewing on life's gristle,  
Don't grumble, give a whistle ...  
And this will help things turn out for the best ...

And ... Always look on the bright side of life,  
Always look on the bright side of life.

If life seems jolly rotten,  
There's something you've forgotten ...  
And that's to laugh and smile and dance and sing;  
When you're feeling in the dumps,  
Don't be silly chumps,  
Just purse your lips and whistle, that's the thing ...

And ... Always look on the bright side of life,  
Always look on the bright side of life.



Find all  
the blue  
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opposite  
and then  
read the  
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# Old Mother Hubbard

## Philip Smith's review for the Keighley News

This year's panto took us to the Wild West for the comedy adventures of Old Mother Hubbard and her family. As always, the scenery and costumes were vibrant and spectacular. From the Land Of Nursery Rhymes' traditional panto wear, to Cowboys, Indians and saloon girls. The song choices worked great with the story and were sung beautifully by the cast, and the dances added to these. Judith Chapman once again gave us a variety of different styles of dancing and allowed everyone to shine. A special mention to the dancing girls who not only tackled a Can Can for the saloon bar scene, but also a dance around the totem pole.

Cast-wise, everyone had plenty to do and our Friday audience joined in with the 'hellos', the 'oh no you don't', 'oh yes we do' and the obligatory booing of the baddie, ha, ha, ha. The Fairy, played charmingly, took us through the story and had help from the cute little Sunbeams, who were brilliant in a variety of different disguises. The first-act comedy came from the bailiffs, who threw themselves into their parts trying to evict Mother Hubbard, making us laugh along the way. In the Wild West, we met a new bunch of friends and enemies, all adding to the story and humour. One was the larger-than-life Indian Chief, with his impressive head dress and booming voice. We met Miss Lulabelle, who appeared to relish the good/bad persona she played, and the main baddy with his two henchmen, who ensured we got plenty of chances to boo away, and to chuckle as well. Principal girl Polly sang and danced beautifully and was aided by a strong performance from principal boy Tex. Bobby and Hughie, another comedy duo, not only had chance to make us laugh but also charm



### Little Red Riding Hood

15th-22nd  
February  
2020



Another exciting  
Pantomime adventure

34th Oakworth Methodist Pantomime

us with a couple of duets with Miss Lulabelle and sweet Little Deer. Dandy was the Hubbard's dog and hero of the panto. She barked her way through the show and had us shouting "Hello Dandy" when she appeared. A great part and no doubt very draining in a fur costume. Old Tumbleweed had us all laughing as he tried to chat up Mother Hubbard, and is a braver man than me to keep on slapping any dame on the behind. That leaves us with Old Mother Hubbard, who was both effeminate and manly when needed and brought the panto together in the lead role.

Over all, another great night showcasing the young talented actors around our local area. Thanks again David, Judith and team.















# Worship

## Harvest Festival



## JIGSAW Prize Giving



Rev Barbara Walls led our Harvest Service, when we discovered more about where our food comes from!

Jo Dolman led the Prize Giving Service, during which staff and children were thanked and encouraged in their work and learning.

The church was packed for the Remembrance Sunday Parade Service, led by Rev Barbara Fairburn. Many of the congregation paraded behind the uniformed organisations round to the War Memorial for the well attended Memorial Service led by Janet Armstrong, during which seven wreaths were laid to remember those who gave their lives in times of war.



# Remembrance



# News Snippets



## December & March Newsletters

Sincere apologies that the last two Newsletters didn't materialise on their due dates. It has proved impossible to find the time needed to put them together whilst keeping track of the building work and producing the pantomime. This bumper edition replaces them and the June 2019 edition so the next Newsletter will be out in September 2019. Thanks.

## Ronald in Uganda

Ronald's last letter arrived with sad news last October:

*Dear Mrs Susan,  
How are you? Me, I am now getting better. My mother died this month of October 2018. I am back to school and hope to do well this term. Thank you for loving me. God bless you.  
Your child, Tumusime Ronald.*

## In memoriam

We commend Brenda Hale, Joyce Beer and Ronald's mum in Uganda into God's hands, assuring family and friends of our continuing prayers and sympathy. Joyce died in February 2019; Brenda & Ronald's mum both died in October 2018.

## Congratulations James

James Reed-Griffiths couldn't take part in this year's Pantomime because he was in Scotland during Panto week, preparing to represent his country by competing in the equestrian events in the Special Olympics World Games at Abu Dhabi the following month. Huge congratulations to him as he returned with two gold medals (in Dressage and English Working Trails) and one silver (in English Equitation). He still helped back stage at some performances!!





## Summary of Oakworth Methodist Church Accounts 2017-2018

Receipts	£	Payments	£
Collections	11,169.64	Circuit Share	19,200.00
Property/Lettings	10,973.00	Utilities	5,141.40
Fund Raising	8,329.00	Property Maintenance	7,134.73
Tax Recovered	3,395.29	Cleaner's Wages	4,387.60
Project Income	650.00	Project Costs	0.00
Mission Collections	607.07	Mission Donations	1,607.07
Donations/Gift Appeals	1,289.37	Youth Work	107.70
Photocopying/Printing	1,489.60	Sundry Payments	1,450.38
Investment Income	125.83		
	<b>38,028.80</b>		<b>39,028.88</b>

### Treasurer's Report

As always, we thank everyone for their support and commitment through another year. It has not been an easy year for the revenue budget as we have lost one or two of our 'good givers', as well as facing unexpected additional maintenance costs.



### Summary

We ended the year with a £1,000 shortfall on the revenue account but we just managed to cover it from reserves.

The very good news is - we raised a further £8,570 locally during the year towards the **Mission Possible Appeal** as well as attracting over £210,000 in grant funding towards the project.

### Receipts & Payments

Most general costs were broadly in line with the budgeted figures, including the £300 increase in Circuit Share. However, property maintenance costs rose, mainly due to problems with the drains and one of the heating boilers.

All project costs related to **Mission Possible** payments, enabling us to use normal project income towards the general revenue budget.

On the income side, donations were up £400 and rental income rose by £1,200 (because Pre-School increased to six sessions per week) but all other income streams were down on the previous year; there was £450 less on the Sunday collection plates.

General Reserves at the year-end stood at just £597 - less than a week of our annual budgeted expenditure. We aim to hold three months of the budgeted expenditure figure so we urgently need to replenish our reserves.

Total Reserves were, of course, much higher because they include £237,630 of funds held for the **Mission Possible** building project.

We ask for your continuing prayerful support through the current year so that our revenue expenses continue to be covered as we concentrate our efforts on reaching our **Mission Possible Appeal** target.



**Mission Possible Family Film Evening**  
**Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald (2018) (12)**

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

**Friday 24th May 6.30 pm**

on the giant screen  
at **Oakworth Methodist Church**

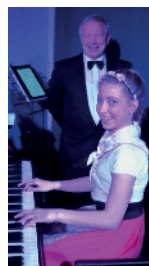
All welcome - just turn up on the day

The second instalment of the "Fantastic Beasts" series featuring the adventures of Magizoologist Newt Scamander

Donations towards **Mission Possible Appeal**



**MISSION POSSIBLE CABARET NIGHT with MINI-MEAL**



**Friday 14th & Saturday 15th June from 7.00 pm**  
**on the new stage at Oakworth Methodist Church**

with live music as you enjoy  
your five-course mini-meal  
in between the Cabaret Acts

**DONATIONS** on the night towards  
our **Mission Possible Appeal**

**Cabaret Acts will include:**  
**Past & Present Pantomime Cast**  
**Rainbows, Brownies & Guides**  
**KYDZ Keighley Youth Theatre**  
**Showkids Dance & Performing Arts**  
**Shine Performing Arts Academy**



**BOOKING is FREE ... contact David on 01535 215784**  
**or online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/OakworthMethodists](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/OakworthMethodists)**

**Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our first Oakworth Methodist Pantomime 1979-2019**





Mission Possible Family Film Evening

## Stan & Ollie (2018) (PG)

with Fish & Chips in the Interval

Friday 28th June 6.30 pm

on the giant screen

at Oakworth Methodist Church

All welcome - just turn up on the day

Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to re-ignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain.

Donations towards Mission Possible Appeal

## All Age Pantomime Praise Service

Sunday 30th June 10.30 am

Led by Rev Barbara Fairburn,

Jo Dolman & the Panto Team

Featuring brief excerpts from the Pantomime

followed by

Mission Possible Coffee and Cakes in the Hall

Do stay for refreshments and a chat

Donations towards the Mission Possible Appeal



## Old Mother Hubbard

## Village Gala



Saturday 6th July

2.00 pm: Procession leaves Lane Ends

2.30 pm: Entertainment in Victoria Road Playing Field (includes children's sports)

Ruth and Kath would welcome help in the Church Cream Teas Tent at the Gala



# Sunday Worship



*A warm welcome awaits you as we worship together*

- May** 5 10.30 am Mr John Hopkinson  
12 10.30 am Rev Barbara Walls -  
**All Age J.I.G.S.A.W. Anniversary Service**  
19 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **Includes Holy Communion**  
26 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny
- Jun** 2 10.30 am Ms Doth Lund  
9 10.30 am Mrs Patricia Henny  
16 10.30 am Rev Malcolm Sharrock - **UNITED SERVICE -  
at Exley Head Methodist Church - Includes Holy Communion**  
23 10.30 am Local Arrangement  
30 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn, Ms Jo Dolman + Panto Team  
- **All Age Pantomime Praise Service**
- July** 7 10.30 am Mr James Greig from Leprosy Mission  
14 10.30 am Mrs Philippa Normanton  
21 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **Includes Holy Communion**  
28 10.30 am Local Arrangement
- Aug** 4 10.30 am Mrs Irene Mitchell - Reader's Service  
11 10.30 am Mr Michael Webster  
18 10.30 am Rev Barbara Fairburn - **UNITED SERVICE -  
with Exley Head at Oakworth**  
25 10.30 am Mrs Joan Jones



**J.I.G.S.A.W. also meets at 10.30 am**  
- All Children and Young People are welcome  
Creche facilities are available when required

J.I.G.S.A.W. will be closed for the Summer Holidays and All Ages will worship together from July 21st to September 1st inclusive.



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# Diary Dates



**Tuesdays** 12.15 pm Oakworth Methodist Lunch Club  
(closed 27th May (Spring Bank) & 23rd July to end August)

## MAY 2019

Thu	2	7.30 pm	Annual General Church Meeting - open to all - Lounge
Fri	3	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Possible Film Evening</b> + Fish & Chip Supper
Thu	9	3.30 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri	17	10.00 am	Friendship Group: Visit to Salts Mill, Saltaire
Fri	24	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Possible Film Evening</b> + Fish & Chip Supper

## JUNE 2019

Tue	4	7.30 pm	Circuit Consultation - Oakworth
Wed	12	2.45 pm	Wednesday Club Canal Trip from Skipton
Thu	13	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Fri14+Sat15		7.00 pm	<b>Mission Possible Cabaret Evening</b> + Mini Meal
Fri	21	10.00 am	Friendship Group: Favourite Singer - Exley Head Lounge
Fri	28	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Possible Film Evening</b> + Fish & Chip Supper

## JULY 2019

Sat	6	2.00 pm	Village Gala
Thu	11	3.30 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Wed	17	10.00 am	Wednesday Club visit to Sherburn Aero Club
Thu18+Fri19		7.15 pm	KYDZ Youth Theatre Summer Show - on stage in Church
Fri	19	10.00 am	Friendship Group - visit to Cliffe Castle Museum

## AUGUST 2019

Wed	14	??	Wednesday Club - Garden Visit to Butterfields Heights
Fri	16	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Scarf Folding - Exley Head Lounge
Sun	??	1.00 pm	Barbecue or Buffet - at Milner Bank, Newsholme ??
Thu	22	7.00 pm	District Chair Welcome Service - Rev Kerry Tankard - Ilkley

## SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	8	All day	Yorkshireman Marathon - Haworth
Wed	11	??	Wednesday Club
Thu	12	3.15 pm	Messy Church - in Church Hall
Sun	15	10.30 am	Harvest Festival All Age Worship
Fri	20	10.00 am	Friendship Group - Exley Head Lounge
Fri	27	6.30 pm	<b>Mission Possible Film Evening</b> + Fish & Chip Supper

Check our website for further information:  
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# MISSION POSSIBLE APPEAL

We are delighted to report that local fundraising and donations have now reached £103,303, bringing the total amount secured to date to £427,087. The project budget now stands at £450,000 so we still have a little way to go to reach our target. Donations are still welcome at any time! Almost 95% of the budget has been raised and the shortfall has been covered in the short term by a generous loan from the Airedale Circuit.

The Stained Glass Panels have now been installed at either side of the Sanctuary and everyone thinks they make the worship space really special and beautiful. £5,900 has already been received towards the £7,200 cost of the stunning art work. Thanks again.

The main contract work has finally been completed but there is more still to do before the whole project will be finished. Thank you for your support and prayers - both are still needed!

