

# #JOINTHESTORY

## ST JOHN'S CHATHAM RESTORATION



January 2025

Dear St John's Chatham Family,

As you may know, we are in an incredibly blessed position in that a huge proportion of the capital cost for the current building work has been provided externally. This has come from a number of different sources including Future High Streets Fund, National Lottery Heritage Fund, Rochester Diocese, Medway Council, Benefact Trust and others. Through the generosity of these organisations and grant giving bodies we have seen God's faithful and sometimes surprising provision - at times we have been reminded of Nehemiah who not only received permission from King Artaxerxes to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city wall, but this non-Israelite king also brokered the release of resources for this important kingdom work.

As the project advances we are now at the exciting stage of being able to give the church family (and wider community) the opportunity to be part of this incredible story of restoration and hope through financial partnership. As we launch the **#jointhestory** campaign we are inviting individuals to consider whether they may be able to give a one off gift or possibly even make a regular monthly commitment specifically towards the costs of the current building work and essential equipment that will be needed as we prepare to move back into the building.

Please prayerfully consider what you may be able to give above and beyond your existing regular giving (which we are so grateful for). We are running an online campaign via the giving platform 'Give A Little'. To access visit [stjohnschatham.co.uk/jointhestory](http://stjohnschatham.co.uk/jointhestory) or [click here](#). Alternatively please use our usual means of giving (please note that Give A Little deducts a small percentage per donation meaning that the options below are the most efficient means of giving) :

### **Bank Transfer**

Account Name: St Mary & St John Chatham PCC No1 A/C

Account Number: 02870193

Sort Code: 30-97-12

Transfer Reference: Join The Story

### **In The Building**

It is also possible to give by cash or cheque using the giving box in the Emmaus Christian Centre building.

If you are giving by cash, cheque or bank transfer please make it clear that this gift is for campaign by writing 'Join The Story' on the envelope, back of the cheque or in the transfer reference. If you're a UK taxpayer please also make sure that you have completed a Gift Aid Declaration to allow us to claim Gift Aid.

As mentioned above, this campaign will also be shared with our wider community via the hoarding graphics that will be appearing around the site over the coming weeks and also via our social media channels. If you know of others who may be in a position or have a desire to support this work please do feel at liberty to pass the details of the campaign on to them.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and to prayerfully consider what you may be able to give at this time. There is no gift too small (or too large) and we are confident that the Lord will continue to provide all that is needed.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21