



CORNERSTONE
CHURCH

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Building Update

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Read on to find out more about our church building renovation progress and how you can help

a little bit about Cornerstone Church Liverpool...

Cornerstone Church Liverpool is located in South Liverpool and is a thriving community-based church which has grown out of Ramilies Road Chapel being replanted in 2009. Ramilies Road Chapel was planted in the early 1930s, through the prayers of two faithful men who wanted to see a Gospel witness in and around the Penny Lane area of Liverpool. After decades of significant growth in the congregation, sadly in the 1980s the church began to see its numbers dwindle gradually, until in 2008 they were left with a small core congregation of around 15-20, generally older, people and the three Elders at that time explored the option of appointing a pastor to 're-plant' the church. This led to Steve Robinson being appointed as the Pastor of the church, and he and his wife Sian and their family, partnered with the congregation at Ramilies Road with a team of 15 people from other local churches to start the re-plant process. This was the beginning of what is now Cornerstone Church Liverpool.

Wonderfully, over the subsequent years, God blessed us with significant growth in numbers, and it became apparent that the original building on Ramilies Road was no longer big enough. In July 2020 the church was further blessed with successfully purchasing the former Dovedale Baptist Church on Dovedale Road, less than half a mile from its original home. This purchase was nothing short of miraculous, as God enabled the church to raise the guide price of £145,000 in 8 days, with the owners of the new building rejecting offers over twice this amount as they wanted to see the Gospel legacy of the building continue.



the encouragements so far...

In April 2021, as Covid restrictions eased and after the initial essential remedial works were completed, Cornerstone Church began meeting again in its new home. Since this time we have seen endless tangible encouragements and blessings from the use of the building.

Some of the key ones are:

- We have seen time and time again that God is THE provider of all we have and all we need. He provided this building for us when it looked so unlikely compared to the other offers.
- We have had 3 baptism services, with 15 people being baptised, including some of our children.
- People have come to know Jesus sat on these pews – that’s priceless!
- We’ve had 240 children visit us with their teachers from Dovedale Primary School, with more visits planned – building relational presence for gospel impact.
- We have more space for Kids’ Church, as well as our mid-week activities including Bolder (our youth group), Little Pebbles (baby and toddler group), evangelism through fitness activities, supporting the South Liverpool Food Waste Community... *the blessings from this building go on and on!*



essential and emergency remedial works

We are working on plans with a whole range of professionals (architects, heritage specialist structural engineers, quantity surveyors...) for longer term renovation plans to allow this building to be a blessing to our church, as well as the wider community. These renovation plans are going to form a separate project once we have completed addressing the more urgent remedial works.

Significant and extensive remedial works have already taken place to both the internal and external issues we inherited upon purchase. All works completed to the building require hugely specialist input as it is a Grade II Listed Building and therefore has great heritage value, with all repair works needing to be in keeping with the original building design and materials. A very large portion of the remedial works are focused on the external roofs and walls, as water ingress has been a major problem for years. We have made excellent progress on these works, but we still need further essential works to be completed to allow for the building to be watertight and functional.



how can you help?

Firstly, and critically, please pray as we seek to get the building restored to be in a good state to undertake God's work through Cornerstone Church Liverpool – to be a blessing for both our use as a church as well as in its impact on the local community and beyond.

Our predicted shortfall of funding to complete the necessary remedial works is approx. £170,000 (inc. VAT) and we are aiming to raise this by July 2022.

If you can donate financially to support these works, please can you do so via our bank account which is used solely for the building works (it is a different account to our general giving account):

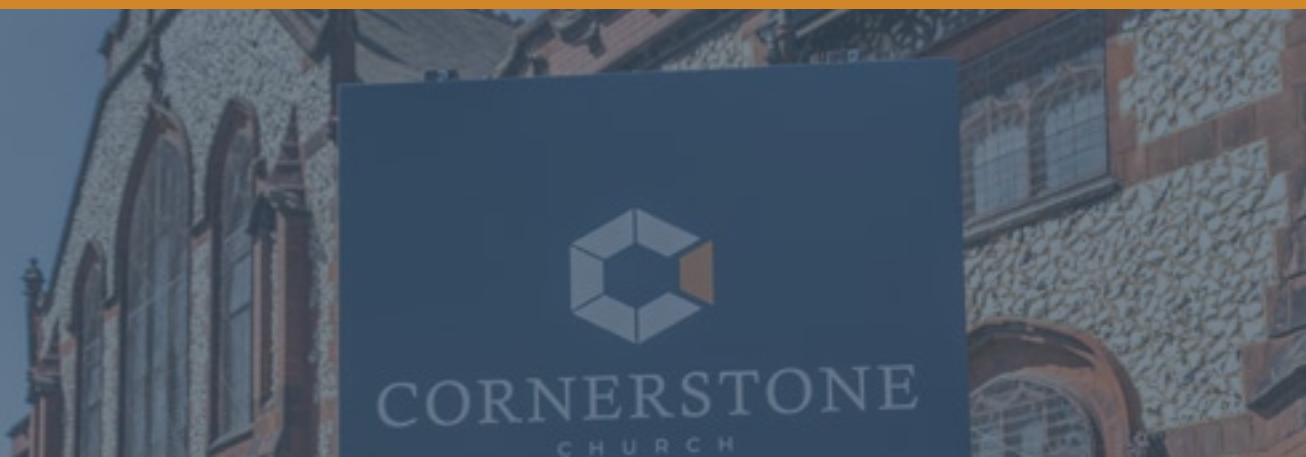
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