

Our next step together

We have come a long way on our journey to make St Paul's our 'Best for God'. We could not have arrived here without the dedication and generosity of our congregations.

Please help us as we embark on our
Next Step

To respond

Please use the response form and the enclosed envelope.
Further information about how to give is available from our
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The response form may also be downloaded from the church website
www.stpaulsharlow.org.uk

The longer journey

We have a great town centre site and our aspiration is that the buildings be a vibrant centre for Christian love and witness:

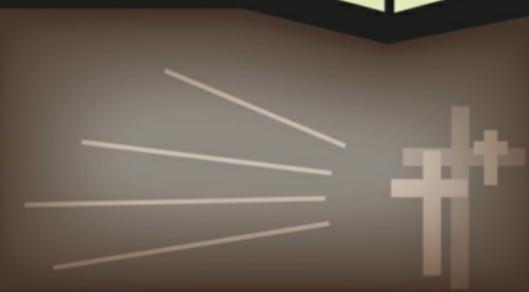
- **Home for the Church Community**- for worship, celebrations and outreach.
- **Facility for the Harlow Community**- with the hall and other rooms, we are a major town centre facility and want our buildings to be fit for service.
- **Drop-In Centre** -welcoming and enabling the disadvantaged.
- **Harlow Foodbank Satellite Centre** - open four days a week.
- **Base for Christian Ministry to the wider community** E.g. Street Pastors are based in the Upper Room.
- **Focus for Prayer for the town** - our chapel opens 3+ hours daily as a Prayer Room available to anyone.
- **A Centre for Outreach to the Shoppers and Businesses of the town centre** - much could be done with good quality premises and catering facilities e.g. lunchtime Alpha.
- **A Focus for Art** -the John Piper mosaic and our Grade II listed building are wonderful examples of how Christian art contributes to society.

St Paul's Church, Harlow

PUTTING FAITH IN HARLOW

Let there be

Light
Next Steps...



Thank you

Through the generosity of St Paul's & St Mary's congregations, we have achieved:

 In 2004 & 5 major work to make St Paul's and St Mary's buildings watertight. In total the projects cost around £120,000, of which the parish contributed (with Gift Aid help) about £80,000.

 Developing an overall plan for the renewal of the whole site, working with an architect and others that need to be consulted.

 In early 2010 we raised £15,000 for obtaining broad planning and other consents for the renewal plans. In addition we completed a major refurbishment of the church flat.

 A new heating system - costing £117,334 installed in 2010, made possible by gifts and pledges over 5 years. This is helping repay an £82,000 loan from the Diocese.

 The refurbishment of the Upper Room at St Paul's. Completed in 2011, in partnership with Harlow Foodbank and the Church of Pentecost.

Our need

The Next Step we need to focus on is **Wiring and Lighting in the church area:**



Not renewed since St Paul's opened in 1959.



Now urgent with the failure of the main church lighting. Despite best efforts the circuits in the roof cannot be repaired.



Not fit for purpose in some areas. We are unable to light outside properly due to unsafe wiring so it is dark and gloomy at night.

We believe that God has made it clear that this is the next stage of the planned renewal that we should tackle.



Next steps

We need to

-  Hire equipment for access to the ceiling and lights.
-  Arrange a high level survey.
-  Obtain a professional evaluation of the state of the wiring & specialist advice.
-  Seek expertise as to the repair and refurbishment of our light-fittings. We want to respect our heritage; St Paul's is a Listed Building.
-  Seek expert guidance as to lighting the John Piper mosaic.
-  Obtain specialist advice about how best to light the building and the outside for the 21st century, bearing in mind our future hopes.
-  Commission a professional report on lighting the church giving us the necessary Designs and Specifications.
-  And obtain detailed proposals as to costs and plans for possible phasing.

The total cost of the investigations and advice will be around £12,000. We would like to proceed as soon as possible