



HELP SAVE

Monken Hadley Community Hall



Church House hall and garden within Monken Hadley parish church grounds needs urgent structural repair.

We listened to the needs of our local community and have a plan to make it fit for purpose.

Please help us restore it for current and future generations.





The aged building shown standing proudly in its beautiful, and versatile garden.

About the hall

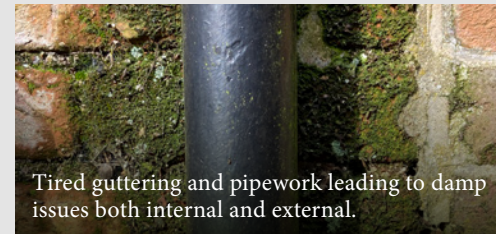
The well-known hall, known as Church House, was built in the 18th century as stables within the village of Monken Hadley, now in the London Borough of Barnet.

In 1912, it was purchased by the Church and has been a cherished and vital meeting place for the parish and community, ever since.

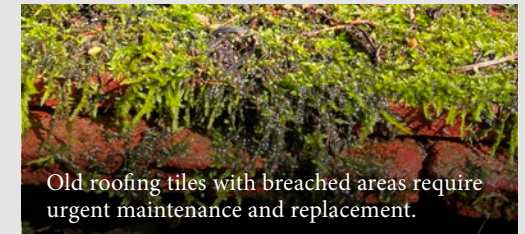
It has served as the 'Pavilion' for the local Cricket Club, the local Girl Guides HQ, and a children's nursery. Its wonderful large garden has hosted church and school fêtes and the hall has been a popular venue for children's parties and other celebrations. It has the potential for offering much more for our community in the future.



All brickwork is weathered and requires extensive work.



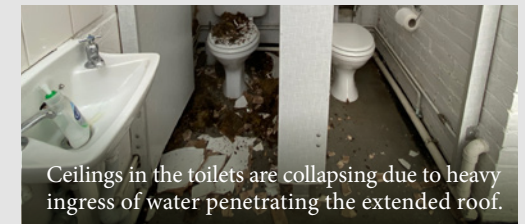
Tired guttering and pipework leading to damp issues both internal and external.



Old roofing tiles with breached areas require urgent maintenance and replacement.



Dry rot patches are currently affecting the internal flooring, making it unsafe to walk over.



Ceilings in the toilets are collapsing due to heavy ingress of water penetrating the extended roof.



The entire rear section of the building has fallen into a state of disrepair, requiring structural investigation.



The entire roof structure needs urgent attention. Replacement of framework and tile coverings.



All external timbers are now failing, causing rot, decay, and structural replacements necessary.

We need to act now

There is a lack of affordable, flexible community space in Monken Hadley and the surrounding area for private use, community groups and charities. The hall could fill that need, but it urgently needs restoring.

The hall's most recent structural report makes for sobering reading – *“the east wall tends to lean outward. The floor is sloping and there is evidence of worm and springing.”*

Many features, including the roof (that leaks), heating system, floorplan layout and communal facilities all now need full restoration or replacement.

There is already significant support from a wide range of local groups, here are just a few:



“We had previously considered using Church House but it is not suitable as disabled access is difficult and the facilities are generally very poor. Renovations to Church House will make it a much more attractive place to run rehearsals and workshops.”

Artistic Director, The Bull Players



“As a young Mum myself, I know how important it is to have contact with other new parents to share experiences and concerns and to have a forum where our little ones can start to develop relationships with other children.”

Sarah Roth, Primary School Teacher and local resident



“I am a qualified teacher of Iyengar yoga, which is suitable for people of all ages and levels of fitness. I would plan to run several classes for different ability levels, including a ‘chair yoga’ class for those who cannot easily stand.”

Lucy Lowry, local yoga teacher

“I wanted to offer my support for this project. Potentially the school could run some parent support groups for training and help for families with technology, parents who need support for school applications and extra curriculum linked sessions to aid parents who may find these a challenge.”

Head of School, Monken Hadley CE Primary School



“Forming a new Hadley Art Group has long been an aspiration of mine. I understand that a newly renovated Church House will be a warm, attractive venue that will have facilities for wheelchair users, and would be an ideal location for my art group to run initially on a weekly basis, with a view to it growing in stages.”

Nichola Hunt, Art Group Leader



Please take a look, via the below link, at our video to hear from some of the people who are looking forward to using our restored hall.



www.monkenhadley.church/restore-and-grow

What we need to do

We have consulted widely in the community to understand how the hall can better serve Hadley, Barnet and beyond in the future. The updated building will be more welcoming, accessible, and more flexible for the church and local community.

Strengthening and extending

Our priority is to replace the roof and reinforce the walls of our heritage building. Other works include:

- Adding an entrance lobby, a modern kitchen, accessible toilets and increased storage.
- Adding a steel frame to reinstate the upper floor and to strengthen the overall structure.
- Improving energy efficiency and reducing the carbon footprint.

Improving usability and accessibility

The new upper floor will provide additional inside space for activities and potentially provide additional rental income. The reconfigured ground floor will maximise community use by being a single level, flexible space with excellent facilities. Other planned works include:

- New flooring including underfloor heating.
- New electrical facilities throughout the building and extended outside to promote the use of the garden.
- Creation of a flexible new upper-floor space providing three upstairs meeting rooms/offices to facilitate a range of office/musical/health/teaching options.
- Main ground floor to accommodate 75-100 people.
- All windows and doors to be replaced.



Increased space with improved access to facilities.

Do you have the skills required to help this restoration project succeed?

If so, please get in touch.

Skilled craftspeople will be required on this project.



Working and Learning spaces available to reserve.



Space to host Indoor & Outdoor special occasions.

The costs

There has been huge support from our church, local school, community sports, social & arts groups as well as local donors and charitable organisations. Our project committee and subcommittees comprise of committed volunteers with a diverse set of skills. However, the building and conversion costs we need to fulfil our community's ambitions are sizeable.

	Anticipated costs	Amount already raised	Amount still to raise
Restoration costs	£775,000	£500,000	£275,000

How you can help

Please help us raise the funding to achieve our goal of restoring Monken Hadley Community Hall for current and future generations. There are many ways you can help, and we've listed just a few below. For more information, or to discuss supporting us further on the below, please contact **Thomas** via **MonkenHadleyCH@gmail.com**

Become a named patron

Your name, or name in Memorium, can be associated with the regeneration of the hall and recognised with a plaque. This non exhaustive list includes:

- Naming of a step to the new first floor (£2,000).
- Naming of a window (£5,000).
- Naming of a first floor meeting room (£20,000).
- Naming of the main function room (£80,000).

Join one of our committees or groups

We have some fun, dynamic, and determined groups that lead on the building, fundraising and promotional aspects of this project.

Hold your own fundraising event

You could organise a cake or jumble sale, a car wash, a walk, a challenge event like a 10k run. Get in touch to discuss how we can help support and promote it.

Donate

- By cheque, payable to 'MH Church House Restoration' and sending to The Rectory, Hadley Common, Monken Hadley, Barnet, EN5 5QD.
- By using the rear-cover QR code, or visiting our online donations page at www.monkenhadley.church/restore-and-grow

(If you are a UK tax-payer, please do not forget to add Gift Aid).

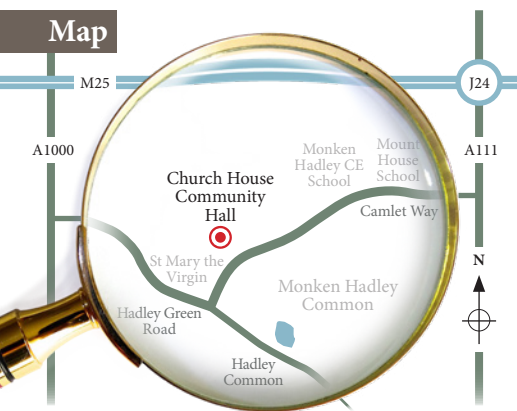


Visual example of 'Named Patron' first floor step.



Local Craft Fair event at Church House.

Map



Social #restore-and-grow

Follow us as new content will be released on the journey of this exciting, and rewarding, fundraising project.



Filming the Girl Guides' representatives.

How can you help

We really appreciate your interest in this exciting project for our community. Please get in touch with **Thomas** if you'd like to discuss it further at **MonkenHadleyCH@gmail.com** Or go to our website shown below.

Project Chair – Tim Fitzpatrick
Patron – Martin Russell Esq DL FCT
*Representative Deputy
Lieutenant for the London
Borough of Barnet*

Fundraising Chair – Elaine Padmore OBE



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