

## St Matthew's Harwell Heating and Seating Improvements Pledge Form

To be called in after Diocesan approvals have been given and the PCC have reviewed the financial position.

Name  
Address

Post Code

Telephone Number

In addition to any current giving to Harwell PCC for St Matthew's Church, I pledge to contribute the sum of:

£ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the heating improvements

£ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the seating improvements

**and/or**

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_ chair(s) at £185 each: total £ \_\_\_\_\_

*(You will be contacted to confirm any wording needed.)*

I am a taxpayer and am willing to pledge my gift under the Gift Aid Scheme YES / NO *(please indicate)*

In the event that there should be any surplus after the work is complete, I am content that any such surplus should be credited to the general funds of Harwell Church. YES / NO *(please indicate)*

**Signature :**

**Date:**

Please return this form to Harwell Church during one of the services, or place in the wall safe in the church.

If you require information concerning Gift Aid, please contact the Treasurer

## An Appeal to improve the seating and heating at St Matthew's Church Harwell



We want to improve the flexibility and facilities of the church to enhance its place in our community as a centre of Christian worship. This means introducing new seating and improving the heating.

The work will be done in two main phases:

1. Replacing the pews with new chairs that can easily be moved around to suit the needs of different uses of the church. This will also involve replacing the carpet with one that covers the whole floor.
2. Replacing the high-level radiant heating system with one that has wall based radiators.

This new work will complement the recent changes to seating in the chancel and pending decorating work will also be completed by the time the new work starts.

**Work should be starting later this year but  
we need your donations to make it successful**

## What difference will the changes make?

Anyone who has been in our church in the winter will understand that having more effective heating will make it a much more pleasant place to be. Changing the pews for moveable chairs will make the church suitable for a wider variety of activities and will improve disabled access. It should also mean that the church is used more frequently.

Some of the activities that will benefit include:

- More creative forms of worship
- Large services at Easter, Christmas, Harvest and Remembrance Day when more people could be comfortable in the church
- Informal gatherings to socialise after services
- Our youth groups, including the large Scout Group, could spend time together in the body of the church, with chairs arranged in cafe style configuration or a discussion-friendly horseshoe
- Our large toddler group 'Fledgelings' could have a small horseshoe seating area and then create different activity zones
- Our quarterly 'Generation Gold' services could enjoy more intimate horseshoe arrangement which suits their smaller numbers

## How much is needed?

The cost of the two phases of work is estimated to be £90,000. We are in the fortunate position that St Matthew's Church already has a large proportion of the funding needed to carry out the work. However, we still need to raise £20,000. We hope to raise some of this through grants but need supporters of the church to make a significant contribution.

## Ways to Give

You can make a donation towards all of the work or just one part of it. For example, you might like to specify that your donation is used to help improve the heating system so that people in church can be more comfortable.

If you would like your funding to remember someone, you could sponsor a chair for £185. This would include having a plaque saying 'In memory of...' on the back of the chair. An excellent way to help everyone remember a loved one or friend.

