

It's more than bricks and mortar



Foodbank

We work with people of all ages and abilities, different social backgrounds and diverse origins.



Street Pastors



Night Shelter

Sanctuary

**Some of our meetings and groups for all ages providing friendship and support:-**

*Children's & Youth work*

*Support for the elderly*

*Foodbank Hub*

*Street Pastors base*

*Winter night shelter for the homeless*

*A meeting place for MIND and Disability Groups*

*Clothing and wash facilities for Homeless people*

*A meeting place for local community groups*



Story time

Our aim is to develop our work at the heart of the town centre community for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century



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Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

[www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk)

Registered Charity

No. 11132238

## Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre

Redevelopment Plans 2015 onwards



Phase 1



Phase 2

**21<sup>st</sup> Project**  
Phase 2

**The Town Centre Church bringing God's  
love to the heart of the Community**



## Background

*Designed in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, built in 1906 and still serving God in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* Unfortunately, Victorian designs tended to be 'solid' structures allowing little visibility inside. Although that may have been fine then, today's community has different values. Such buildings are seen as intimidating, as emphasised in a survey of local residents who considered our church a 'closed Community'. Bearing in mind the Church's values of both for and with the local community, the design of the building hampers our work and prevents us achieving our potential.

## A building set between the past and the future

Although the premises are used seven days a week, the internal layout leaves much to be desired. The C21st Phase 1 Improvements, completed in September 2015, have made a big difference to the layout and use of the halls etc. Since then community work has grown substantially especially with disabled and disadvantaged people. This leaves the Milton Road entrance area severely lacking in facilities for both disabled and non-disabled people. The aim of our **C21st Project Phase 2** improvements is to transform this area into a community hub; including a community cafe/meeting room with new kitchen; a toilet for all abilities; a counselling room and internal access changes, all set behind an open and inviting new entrance linked to the church with revised ramped access onto Milton Road and the town centre.

## Building for the Future

We want a building which the local community are happy to use without concern and where people with disabilities are not disadvantaged. Within a very few months of completing our C21st Project

Phase 1 improvements, use by and for the community has blossomed. In addition to being a Foodbank Hub, the base for Street Pastors and providing clothes for homeless people we are now being used by Mental Health, Disability and learning groups and are the host for the Sanctuary Winter Night Shelter for Homeless people and are helping street and homeless people with personal and clothes washing. If that is possible in such a short time, just think what the possibilities are for the future especially when these C21st Project Phase 2 works become a reality. We invite you to accompany us on this journey too, aimed at improving life in our town centre community.

**C21st Project**  
Phase 2