



building
relationships:
building
community

Saint Stephen's
vision
to
re-build
and
create
a
vibrant
hub
for
the
local
community



The story so far...

Nearly ten years ago the people of Saint Stephen's Church created a vision to serve the local community....children and families, the lonely, teenagers...actually anyone in need!

We set out, in partnership with several housing associations, to develop the site to accommodate people with special needs and create the new church building. Several times we have been disappointed as the various schemes have fallen through.

We talked to local people who said things aren't like they used to be they said things like...

what is there here for the kids?... they're at a loose end, out on the streets with nothing to do, nowhere to go, and sometimes with stuff they need to talk about ...but who is listening?

older people say they are lonely and isolated in their homes, the hours pass too slowly with nobody to talk to or to listen to them. Their stories and wisdom is wasted.

Workers go from home to car to office and back and may not even know their neighbours anymore. There's no 'village square' or marketplace that brought people together like in the old days.

***Where has
our sense of
community
gone?***

Our Vision

We wanted to create a place of celebration, a hub where local people can call their own, where birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings and baptisms, and funerals can take place.

Where local services, like the post office have been removed we wanted to provide this facility again. We wanted to work alongside the local health practitioners to add to local healthcare services.

We wanted to provide a safe place for teenagers and young adults to meet.

We wanted to improve the playground facilities.

That was years agoour vision hasn't changed!

How can we rebuild our sense of community?

Saint Stephen's has a vision to create a place for the community in the heart of your area. Run by residents for residents. A place for everyone.



Just imagine...

a place where:

- kids feel safe... with something to do, gym, a place to belong, youth & careers advisers, mentors, training & volunteering opportunities
- everyone knew each other... or had a relaxed area like the cafés and gardens, to get to know each other
- there is somewhere to go... not far, not home, not a neighbour's, but a neutral space
- can take pride and participate in a joint project, including gardening, litter-picking, volunteering to run the café or groups
- the elderly, lonely, or sick could find company and share a pastime in a friendly, supportive environment, at a low cost, and close to home
- there's always something on and someone to talk to
- someone listens; that is dementia friendly and a support to carers
- you can pick up your parcels, buy some stamps
- you can receive some health care without going too far
- where you can influence what's going on
- spaces are available for hire at reasonable rates,
- Scouts and other organisations can meet
- family celebrations like weddings, baptisms and funerals can take place in a purpose designed environment
- it is quiet, where you can think and pray in those moments where you just need somewhere to go where help is at hand



We called the project 'Lifestreams'

the plans

These are the qualities of design that we are looking for:

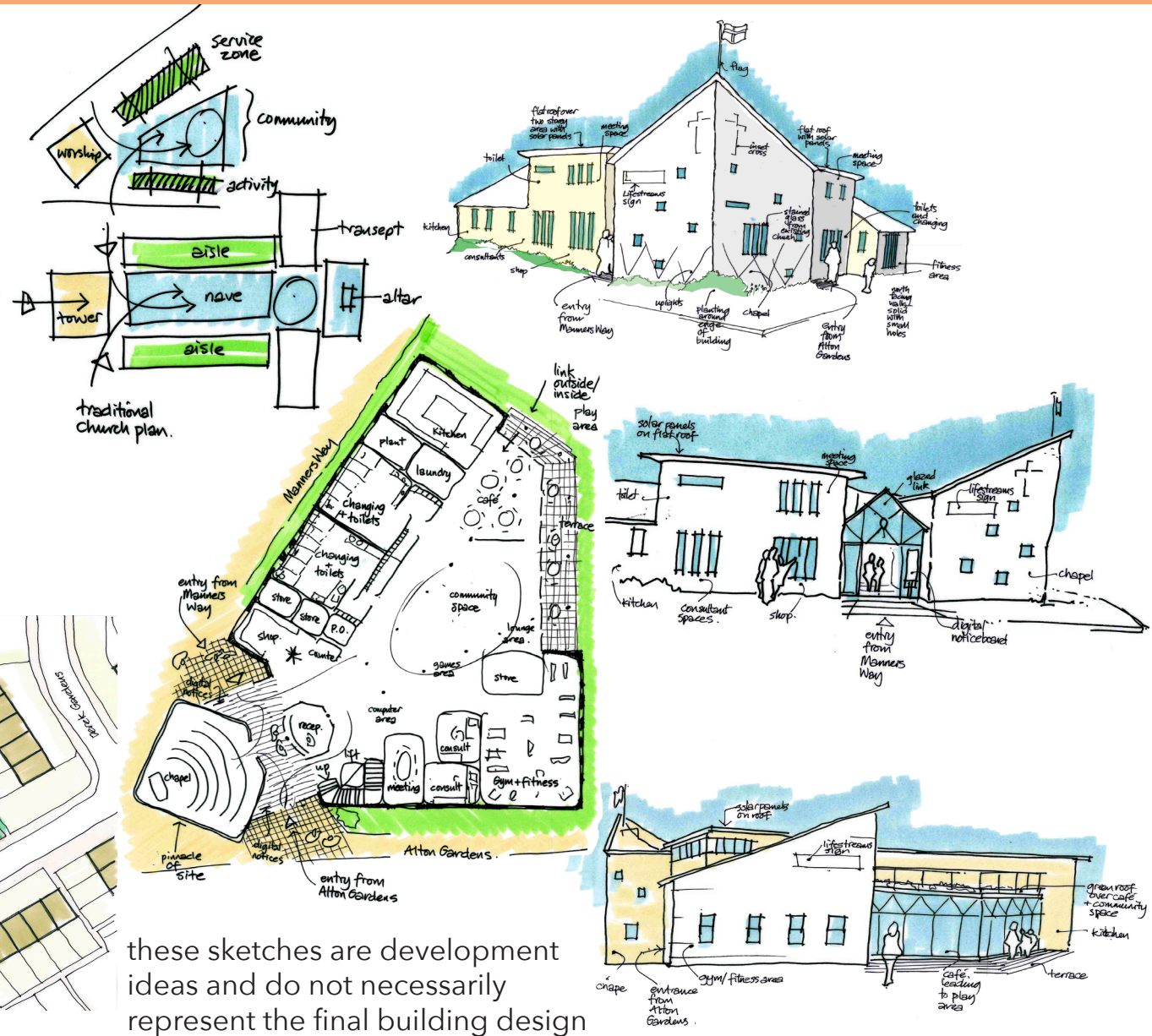
architectural icon that serves as a gateway into Southend from the airport

easy entrance

transparency

environmentally friendly

flexible



timetable

September 2017 launch 2 year fundraising campaign

Spring 2018 develop design ideas

Autumn 2018 community consultation

Winter 2018 complete design and apply for Planning Permission

Spring 2019 receive PP and develop detailed design

Winter 2019 complete fundraising

Spring 2020 start on site (complete by 2021)

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Use gift aid (envelopes and forms available) and you can make your donation worth more. For every pound you give to us we get an extra 25p from HMRC

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raising the finance....."1000x1000s"

setting the scene

How do we get there from where we are now?

Our partnership with housing associations hasn't worked out. We believe in partnering with the local people and with businesses and other agencies. We are excited to work in partnership with Southend Council but all have their part to play.

The sale of part of the site will provide about one third of the sums needed. We are applying for grants, but this won't take us all the way. We have to raise the money locally....it is a community project with local people, for local people.

The Lifestreams project creates a chance for the community to invest in your future. If 1000 people can raise £1000 in 2 years we'll make it!!

That's less than £10 per week!
What can I do?

in short....donate £1000!

Just think for a moment....£10....
...or in other words a couple of bottles of wine (or pints of beer) a week; a take-away; a mobile phone contract; a cinema ticket; a Junior ticket to a Southend United match.

Will you be one of the enablers?

What would you get in return?

The joy and satisfaction of being part of something that will transform this community for years to come.

...apart for that....

We will give you an 'affinity' card.

This will enable you to get 10% or 30% discount in the café and the group subscription that Lifestreams run, for instance a cup of coffee priced at £1.20 you would only pay 80p; if you join the Lifestreams fitness for fun group then instead of £1.50 fee you only pay £1.

generosity generates generosity

We believe that this project can be achieved but we *need you to get involved.*

My response

I will make a generous donation:

online

justgiving.com/saint-stephens

text

LSTR17 £(10 or other amount) to 70070

direct to bank (online, standing order or direct debit):

a/c **St. Stephen's PCC**

sort code **20-79-73**

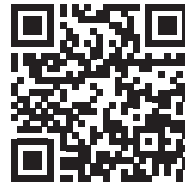
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by cheque to "St. Stephen's PCC"

cash (we will give you numbered envelopes to use if you wish)

please make sure that your donation is marked "building fund" or "1000x1000s"

scan the code to go to the just giving website



cut along dotted line to remove pledge card

You don't have to commit to "1000x1000s"

You can make a donation (or volunteer) whatever size it will be used gratefully and wisely, receiving each of these benefits up to the value of your donation.

up to £10 = grateful thanks and prayers

£10-£50 = name into the book of donors

£50-£100 = a certificate of thanks

£100-£500 = Lifestreams t-shirt

£500-£999 = Affinity Card
(10% discount)

£1000+ = Gold Affinity Card
(30% discount)

I pledge to give £.....

I pay tax and wish to gift aid the above amount.

Name:

Address:

email:

contact phone no:

Date:

You may not be able to give much but a legacy would make a huge difference, by investing in the future of the church and community. For more info. contact the office.

thank you...

Thank you for reading through
this document.

Thank you for your prayers.

Thank you for your donation,
however large or however small.

Thank you for your pledge.

Thank you for your support.

Thank you for making a
difference

