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Dear Friend

Over many years the gospel has been shared from the building formerly known as Underwood Mission Hall and is now called the Well Church. The church was built with funds donated from the Sutton family of Sutton Seeds in the late 1930s and followed the outreach work by local evangelist, Harvey Underwood. We understand this was the first church built on the estate. Over the years it has been a beacon to the area and many have come to faith. I have been the pastor here now for a number of years and we continue to help those in need and to build a community of believers who experience the life changing message of the gospel and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

The area where our church is located and where the majority of our work takes place is presently a very deprived area. It currently lies in the bottom 3% for education and the bottom 10% for multiple deprivation in the UK. (IMD 2015)

There are considerable works to do to bring the building to a reasonable standard so that it survives into the future and continues to facilitate a Christian witness into the area of Whitley, South Reading. In partnership with Reading Borough council some much needed work to the grounds to the church is being undertaken. We have also recently replaced the inner doors and redecorated much of the church through internal fundraising. We have now reached the point where we need external help in order to accomplish the task and the considerable amount of work that needs to be done.

Other community groups use our church building from the benefit of local people. This includes various groups including those for health and well being. We run courses helping people who are isolated, by teaching cookery and personal development. Additionally, we distribute approximately 30 emergency food parcels each week to those in need in conjunction with another local charity.



Church in 1950s



Church now



Community Garden Project



Lunch groups

Work that we urgently need to do:

Remove and replace asbestos wall £3,485

Insulate roof £6,375

Add small extension £34,619

Replace carpets £3,648

Total £48,127

Please can you help. Your support may be vital in solving this problem and enabling the church to continue to provide a place where people can experience hope, friendship and the embrace of a good God.

Would you consider donating to help us achieve our mission?

We thank you in advance for your support! Your donation is greatly appreciated. You can either donate online at https://my.give.net/20218761. Contact us by phone or email, or send a cheque in the pre-stamped envelope included in your letter.

With warm regards

Rev Keith Dolding