

St Mary's Centre

A safe space for community to thrive.



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The centre aims to provide

A safe space for the community with opportunities for everyone to thrive. And a place for the church to share the love and light of Christ.

What is our inspiration?

What we seek to provide is based on Bible verses from Job and 2 Samuel. These verses express God's desire to draw people out into a spacious place. A space where they can breathe freely and be refreshed.

We hope St Mary's Centre is a place where individuals are no longer constricted by the pressures of their lives, and are able to leave any distress or stress behind. Our motivation is to show the community through our provision, God delights in them, they are loved, valued and significant.

He is wooing you from the
jaws of distress to a spacious
place free from restriction,

Job 36:16

He brought me out into a
spacious place; he rescued me
because he delighted in me.

2 Samuel 22:20

The Centre

So what is here?

The Guild Hall

Length 16.93m – Width 7.29m

A stand alone hall which is a fantastic space for community events or large meetings. It has a small kitchen with essential facilities.



The West Hall

Length 16.79m – Width 8.92m

Although connected to our other spaces it has it's own entrance. A great space that lends itself towards groups that will include physical activity or larger meetings.

The East Hall

Length 9.64m – Width 7.60 m

A multi purpose and adaptable space which is able to facilitate a variety of uses. The space can be used for training events, workshops, classes and meetings.



Specialised Rooms

Joshua - Meeting Room

A professional and fully equipped meeting space. Includes a presentation touch screen, data points and sufficient electrical outputs.

Easily accommodating ten people the space is ideal for small training events and meetings.



Ruth - Therapy/Counselling Room

Designed to be a relaxed environment with a homely seating area for talking therapies or a

space for play therapy. The room provides a less formal setting for individuals to have consultations or meetings.





Jacob - The Soft Play Room

A safe and useable yet strong and durable space able to accommodate everyone, from babies beginning to walk through to teenagers and adults. Enabling children and

young people to explore their gross motor skills; exercise balance and strength; manage their own risk.

Bartimaeus - The Sensory Room

A calm and relaxing environment with soft panelling and flooring. It contains several pieces of specialised equipment designed to be accessible to all ages and abilities. Creating an atmosphere using the visual as well as auditory. The interactive sound to sight panel includes a music player and the vibrating pads bring a tactile element to the room.



Why those room names?

Joshua - The Meeting Room

In the book of Exodus we read how Moses set a specific place outside the camp where anyone inquiring of the LORD could go. Moses would go in to the tent to speak with the LORD and then return to camp, but his young aide Joshua would remain in the tent of meeting in the presence of God.

Ruth - The Therapy/Counselling Room

The book of Ruth tells the story of two people Naomi and Ruth. Naomi's life has not gone as she had planned and she is returning home. Ruth decides to go with her and together they journey from a place of sorrow and disappointment to blessing and joy.

Jacob - The Soft Play Room

Inspired by the story in Genesis where Jacob wrestles with an Angel of the Lord, a physical outworking and healing of the continuous struggles throughout his life and an encounter that ends with him developing a deeper relationship with God.

Bartimaeus - The Sensory Room

In the Gospel of Mark, Bartimaeus encounters Jesus through different senses: sound (hearing Jesus), sight (seeing Jesus), proprioception (throwing off his cloak) and vestibular (jumping up). This story also contains an important reminder about the purpose of this room. Jesus asks Bartimaeus what he wants Jesus to do for him. A reminder to listen and serve individuals rather than to do to or for them without consultation and to not hinder them from coming to Jesus.

Want to get involved?

Has reading about the centre inspired you?

Would you like to be involved in helping us meet our aims?

Are you interested in hiring one of our spaces or want to know more about what is already happening here at the centre?

Please get in touch for more information.

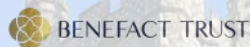
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