

Two important things to remember:

The usual expenses will still have to be met as we pay for the alterations.

The money we are hoping to raise for this scheme will need to be over and above what is presently given. The circuit assessment (largely used to meet staffing costs) will still need to be paid, as will the routine expenses incurred in running the church and maintaining the premises.

As our individual means vary, so will our capacity to contribute.

In this fund-raising effort we don't expect everyone to contribute equally. We are all in different financial circumstances with different demands upon us. Some of us will be able to give substantially, others of us won't. Some may strongly support the scheme without being able to make a particularly sizeable contribution to it. Please be assured that all contributions will be gratefully received, whatever their size.

To respond to this appeal, complete the enclosed pledge card, seal it in the supplied envelope, then hand it in at any church service over the next few weeks. Envelopes will only be opened by our church treasurer, John Meadows. Individual contents will be kept strictly confidential.

Thank you very much.

Audlem Methodist Church Council

November 2005

Audlem Methodist Church Chapel Development Scheme - 2006

Fund-raising appeal



After two years of deliberation, the Audlem Methodist Church Council has decided to embark on a plan of chapel development. It is estimated that this could cost £100,000. If we can raise

£50,000

we will be eligible for grants of a further £50,000 and so reach our target.

Please can you help?

How can I help?

You can make a one-off gift to the Church to help fund the scheme.

With the fund-raising campaign being launched before Christmas, you could see this as a Christmas gift to the Church if you wished. We anticipate that a good part of the money needed will have to be given. In this, the Gift-Aid Scheme will be a great help for all who pay tax. With gift-aid, a £10.00 gift becomes £12.82, a £100 gift becomes £128, a £1,000 gift becomes £1,282.

Instead, or in addition ...

You can take out a standing order to make a regular donation over the next five years.

Some gifts are more easily made if spread over a period. Modest contributions can add up to quite a sum this way. For example, a £10 per month standing order over the next five years would generate £600 which, with gift-aid added, would be worth £769 to the scheme. A £20 per month standing order would total £1,538. After a Christmas gift, how about a new year resolution?

Instead, or in addition ...

You can offer an interest-free loan to help pay the bills.

While the scheme must be fully paid for within five years, the contractors will need paying as soon as the work begins. We therefore need money to settle accounts when presented, as well as money to fully pay for the scheme over five years. You could help by making an interest-free loan to the Church, to be re-paid by arrangement over five years. By reducing interest charges this would reduce the cost of the scheme and be very helpful.

Instead, or in addition ...

You could organise and support fund-raising events.

Over the next few years, a number of events will inevitably be organised to raise money. For these we need your ideas, your readiness to organise and your willingness to support. Help here will also be greatly appreciated.