

**BID FOR CAPITAL FUNDING FROM AREA COMMITTEES
PRO FORMA**

1. Short project title:.... Colne Parish Church: Parish Room Improvements

2. Bid submitted by: Rev Alex Oehring – Rector for Benefice of Colne

3. On behalf of (please include contact details):..... St. Bartholomew’s Church
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4(a). Does your organisation have a constitution?..... Yes

(b). Does it have a board of governors/directors or a committee that oversees its work?..... Parish Church Council

(c). Does your organisation have its own bank account?..... Yes

(d). How many signatures are required to authorise a payment from your bank account? Two

5. Is your organisation VAT-registered?* No

6. Amount requested: £.....£3,751.16 (To note: quote submitted)

7. Brief details of project:

The St. Bartholomew’s Church Parish Rooms (the old Colne Grammar School, next to the church) are in a very poor state of repair and require significant works. At this time, the Parish Church is meeting many community needs (practical and spiritual), although we are ambitious to do more, given our prime location and our large pool of motivated volunteers.

Our aspiration is to restore the windows on this grade 2 listed building (in keeping with the current style – albeit not original windows) and repair the internal damage. We also plan to reorganise the rooms in order to make them fit for purpose and to expand our work in the town. Currently we have groups for all ages, faith/no faith, we also seek to support those who are struggling. A revamped Parish Room facility will support our Community Grocery/Café (used by 50-60 families per week); CAP debt advice; Life Skills Course; Outreach Families Worker; Brownies; Rainbows; Knitting Group; Youth Group; Seniors work and Toddler Group.

All our activities are for people of faith/no faith/those seeking faith, we are not exclusive, all are welcome. We have been given money to employ 4 people (1 Full time and 3 Part Time) to deliver our outreach and community work (not including the Rector) for the next 5 years.

We now want to utilise our central location, to provide support for all generations across the town. Of note the church is a truly multi-generational group of people, it’s a place where people make friends with a range of people; from different ages and backgrounds.

8. Main outcomes to be achieved:.....

This specific bid is for the large upstairs window of the Parish Room that overlooks the High Street. However it will form part of a larger project to restore the building (See Photo attached)

9. When will the project be implemented?.....

Our project will be in 3 phases to restore, rearrange and extend the building and its function. We hope to raise money throughout 2023. This initial bid will act as platform for us to gather more funding and match funding. The window can be made and fitted in March.

10. Who will undertake the project works? A joiner will make and fit the window. The wider project will be delivered by Supporting organisations, volunteers and St. Bartholomew's PCC

**11. Is there match funding for the project from elsewhere?Yes
If so, please give details:**

Matched funding comes from the congregation who give their time freely to serve the work of the church in Colne.

12. Are there long-term revenue consequences and how will these be funded?

Colne Parish Church has existed for 901 years and is sustained through the giving of our church congregation. The congregation has grown by 30% in the last 18 months. However we do not have extra/ legacy money to fund this project and we will be applying to trust funds and charities to help resource and fund this project. Colne BID have provided a long list of trust funds and grant bodies for us to apply for.

****Please note that grants inclusive of VAT will only be awarded where the organisation is not VAT-registered and is unable to reclaim VAT***