

# SAINT BARNABAS DALSTON

HELP US TO RESTORE DALSTON'S HIDDEN GEM

## Our progress so far

St Barnabas' Dalston is a Church of England congregation, established in 2010. We have as our base in Dalston two remarkable early 20th century buildings: a mission hall and a Grade ii\* listed church building. Prior to our arrival, the buildings had stood largely empty for 30 years, and were both in desperate need of major renovation.

In 2013, we raised over £150,000 from church members, supporters and grant-making bodies to renovate our mission hall, enabling it to become the local asset it now is. It is rented by a wide range of local arts and community groups and used extensively for church activities, including youth and children's work, as well as hosting the Hackney Winter Night Shelter.

As anyone who has visited us knows, the main church building is a stunning example of 20th century architecture, with extraordinary acoustics. Unfortunately it is also damp, low on light and uncomfortably cold, meaning it is largely unusable for most of the year.

## Our goals

- Preserve the cultural and architectural heritage of the building
- Enable our worshipping community to use this awe-inspiring space throughout the year
- Serve our local community by making it a building they can use

## What's required

There is a lot to do, from installing a safe floor to repairing the roof and everything in between. We will need to replace the window frames, wiring and heating, install toilets, and improve the lighting and brickwork.

Initial estimates for this work are in the region of £350,000. In order to seek funding for the project from grant-making trusts, we need to appoint an architect and put together a project funding proposal. This will involve surveys of the building's condition and guidance on fundraising strategies. This first phase of work will cost £20,000. So, that is our first fundraising milestone.



## Can you help?

- *Give.* If you are able to give money, we very much appreciate any contribution. You can give online [here](#)
- *Pray.* Please pray that we will be able to raise the money to put the building to good use again.
- *Volunteer.* If you are able to offer any time to help with fundraising events, please let us know by emailing [nat@stbarnabasdalston.org.uk](mailto:nat@stbarnabasdalston.org.uk)
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