

Welcome to the second community update newsletter from Ashbourne Methodist Church

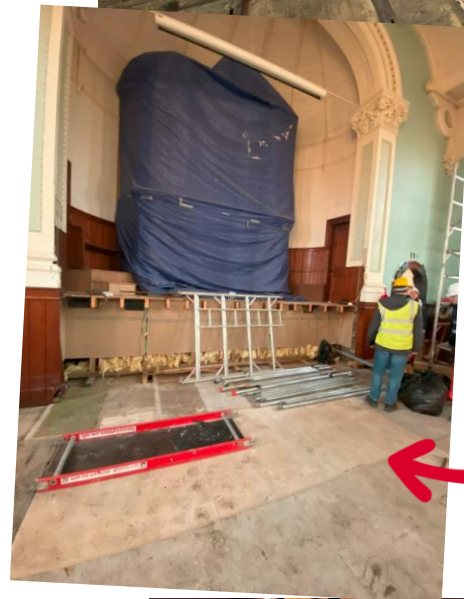
## A peek behind the scenes!

We want to keep you updated on The Link Centre community hub, with some photos of progress.

Since our last newsletter, we have appointed a main contractor and work has started. It's so exciting to see work starting after so many years of planning!

In the main worship & events space, the 1960s infill and staging have been removed and the floor is being made level.

Outside, contractors have removed the 'temporary' classroom that was installed for the Wesleyan School in the 1940s, and groundworks are happening to create space for the community hub and its meeting rooms.



In the main worship & performance space, the pews and staging have been removed, and new level flooring is being installed.



The organ has been carefully wrapped to protect it during the works.



On the land by the Henmore Brook, contractors have dismantled the old prefab hut and created site access, taking care to protect the splendid copper beech tree. This area will be a new community garden.



Groundworks have also begun for the new community hub, which will provide the entrance to all of the buildings.



The 1960s infill in the worship space has been removed, revealing wonderful heritage features which will remain on display.



The Century Hall kitchen has been demolished. It will be re-built to a higher specification.

In Gateway Lodge, walls and the mezzanine floor have been removed, ready for creation of 7 new en-suite bedrooms.



The new building will provide access to the large events space, refurbished halls and new meeting rooms



We're expecting to open in early 2026, and we will give priority to previous users of the building and to local groups, with discounted rates for community groups.

We'll let you know when we have more details about making a booking.

If you have any questions, queries or suggestions please get in touch.

*May God Bless you,*

*Ashbourne Methodist Church*

The Link Centre will include halls & rooms available for community, arts & business use:

- Trinity Hall (the main church space) – capacity of 200, with an extra 100 in the balcony
- Century Hall – capacity of 70
- Riverside Hall (formerly Waterside Hall) – capacity of 70
- Wesley Room – Meeting room for up to 14
- Booth Room - Meeting room for up to 6
- Beresford Room - Meeting room for up to 6