

RYDE TOWN COUNCIL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION

Name of Organisation: St John the Baptist Church, Ryde (Church of England) PCC (Parochial Church Council)

What does your organisation do?

Our Annual Report describes the role of St John's PCC as:

“The PCC of the parish of St. John the Baptist with Holy Trinity has the responsibility of co-operating with the Priest in Charge, the Reverend Sue Theobald, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, social, evangelistic and ecumenical. The obligations include the maintenance of the Parish Church of St. John's Oakfield with Holy Trinity, Ryde, the adjoining Hall, the Cemetery at Great Preston Road and to be involved in the management and pastoral care of Oakfield C of E (VA) Primary School.”

In simple terms we try to share the love of Christ in our community, in worship and in being an integral part of the community, finding ways to help and support our community in whatever ways we can.

We also have the responsibility for the upkeep of the church and the church hall. This cost is borne solely by members of the congregation and any fees to which we are entitled. We receive no funding from the diocese or the Church of England for this.

SECTION 2 - TYPE OF GRANT APPLIED FOR

Are you applying for a marketing or community grant?

Community Grant

SECTION 3 - YOUR PROJECT

Please tell us about your project

Date of Application 20 June 2021

Project start date and expected duration:

As soon as funds are available, we can have lintels constructed (6wk lead time) and builder can schedule the work. We are hoping to get the work done this Summer.

Duration – approx. 2 weeks

SECTION 4 - DEMAND FOR THE PROJECT

In order for Ryde Town Council to properly evaluate your grant proposal it is vitally important that you are able to demonstrate a legitimate need for the project you are proposing.

Please take the time to highlight the research you have done as well as how you will evaluate the success of the project.

This project is to enable the continued use of St John's Church Hall as a community space in the east of Ryde.

Apart from Oakfield School Hall (which is only available outside School hours) there is no other community space for use by the public at the top of the hill on the Eastern edge of Ryde.

Pre Covid, our hall was used by:

1. Weightwatchers
2. A dog training School
3. Jiggly Wrigglers (Toddler group)
4. Caterpillar Music (Toddler music group)
5. Appley WI
6. An Art Group
7. Councillor Lilley for his monthly 'surgery' and ward meetings.
8. Families hiring the hall for birthday parties.

St John's Church use the hall for among other things:

1. Timeout café – a regular (monthly) event, accessible to all who want to come and enjoy a light lunch, good company and an activity e.g. a quiz, craft activities, board games, jigsaws etc. The cost of the meal is funded by voluntary donations and provided by members of the church.

This was regularly attended by up to 20 people and fulfils a need in the community for somewhere to go and make friends – combatting loneliness and isolation.

2. We also host coffee mornings, plant and bake sales, bazaars, quiz nights, film nights – all of which are open to everyone in the community. These are attended by people of various ages – although mainly those of ‘riper years’ Again, they are about finding friendship and building community.
3. Messy Church: a monthly activity afternoon for young families, where we provide craft activities, sing songs and share a story and provide a light tea. This is free – funded by the members of St John’s Church. This is advertised across the parish and through Oakfield School. Families are able to come and benefit from quality family time together, at and receive a light meal, at no cost. This is a way of helping families (especially from the Slade Rd, Oak Vale area) many of whom who are on a limited budget.
4. Wellbeing Group: A weekly group hosted by St John’s, aimed at people who would benefit from a safe space to talk about issues of anxiety and depression. It is co-led by an opera singer who is trained to use the breathing techniques associated with singing which have been shown to help as a strategy for self-help for those experiencing anxiety.

We anticipate that all these activities will all return to St John’s church hall once lockdown is over.

We have also recently had enquiries for use of the hall from a Youth Counselling service and as an admin and training space for Mountbatten Hospice.

Whilst the church itself is out of action we use the church hall as a midweek worship space and are planning to set one of the rooms up as a ‘quiet space’, for prayer or contemplation and reflection.

As a charitable organization we have Anon a help group for family and friends of alcoholics, meeting weekly.

What are the expected outcomes of the project and how will you measure any success against them?

Retaining wall: The wall will be made safe for another 50+ years.

Church Hall; The Church Hall will continue to play it's part as a much needed community space in the area at the top of St John's Hill to the east of Ryde.

The expected outcome of the project is that the church hall will be back in use for many years to come.

How have you evaluated the demand for your project?

The expected demand is based on pre- covid attendance and the number of people who have enquired about previous events restarting.

The need for the work to be carried out has been assessed and specified by our church architect Robert Biggs and we have permission from the Portsmouth Diocesan Advisory Committee to carry out the work – which is a requirement for all Church of England Churches.

How will you measure the success of your project?

The community events will continue and St John's Church Hall will become a community hub once again.

SECTION 5 - FUNDING FOR YOUR PROJECT

It is important that you have fully costed your project and are able to demonstrate how the potential grant funding from Ryde Town Council will be utilised.

Amount of Grant Funding requested: £2500

Total cost of your project/event £2500

Percentage of Total Cost that the Grant Funding Represents 100%

How will any outstanding costs be met? (Diminishing!) church funds.

Please outline how the project costs been identified and provide a detailed breakdown for each. *If it is easier to put this in a spreadsheet then please attach one to the application.*

SECTION 6 - ALTERNATIVE PROJECT FUNDING

While we would like to be able to fund far more projects it is important to remember that Ryde Town Council has very limited capacity to fund projects. Therefore please demonstrate other funding streams that you have investigated and are utilising.

**Which other sources of funding have been sought for this project?
Please include any applications that have been made, both successful and not.**

As this is a funding request for the maintenance of our building and there are no 'new' projects associated with it, funding streams are very limited.

This is the first time, to my knowledge, we have asked for any money from Ryde Town Council. .

How is income generated for your organisation?

Regular giving by our congregation.

Fundraising Events: - Church Fete, Raffles, coffee mornings etc.

Occasional donations.

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SECTION 7 - RYDE TOWN COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN

The Town Council has recently adopted a Corporate Plan.

To view the Corporate Plan 2020/25 see the Home page of the Town Council's Website [Link to Home Page](#)

How does your project help Town Council to achieve the objectives set out in this Plan and a Charter for Ryde?

“Maintain and improve the availability and quality of public services for our Residents - physical infrastructure.

The continued availability of the church hall provides a community space for use by other individuals and other community organisations

“Protect and promote the interests of all residents including groups with specific needs

Children and young people – Messy Church, Jiggly Wrigglers, Caterpillar music are all aimed at young families. Baby Changing facilities available.

Elderly people – Timeout café, quiz nights, coffee mornings are all about enhancing the well being of those who want/need a friendly face or a reasonably priced meal/drink.

Those with disabilities – The church hall is fully accessible for those with physical disabilities and has a disabled toilet. Our Timeout café has hosts who are trained in dementia awareness and we have had several couples living with dementia to our Timeout café.

Those on low incomes – all activities offered by St John's are either free or at very low cost. We actively encourage young families to come to our Messy Church through Oakfield School, which has a high level of families of low incomes and children with additional needs.

‘Promoting the local economy’ – St John's church hall provides the space for several small businesses to operate – Jiggly Wrigglers, d a speca

SECTION 8 - PARTNERSHIPS

Ryde Town Council firmly believes that the total can be greater than the sum of the parts and that partnerships can achieve great results. In this section

please outline partnerships your organisation currently has, those explored for this project and any reasons you feel they might not have been relevant.

Highlight other organisations who you will collaborate with to provide the project and outline any approaches you have made to other organisations who may share similar goals.

Oakfield School and all the other organisations who use the hall.

Please tell us who will do the work and who will manage the project.

Work to be carried out by RSM Building Services. Project to be managed by RSM Services and St John's PCC Building Committee.

SECTION 9 - DOCUMENTATION

Please submit the following information in support of your application:

- A copy of your organisations most recent audited or verified accounts (please redact any information that you do not want in the public domain (e.g. account number or signatures))
- Evidence of any partnership funding
- A copy of your organisations constitution or set of rules of governance

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read the following information before signing and sending your application

- (a) I/We declare that the information I have given in this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge
- (b) I/We declare that any grant awarded by Ryde Town Council will be used for the specific purposes description in this application
- (c) I/We confirm that a completion/evaluation form will be submitted to the Town Council together with **evidence of expenditure** or set of accounts detailing costs for the project/activity/event for which the grant is awarded with-in one month of the end of the funding year being completed.

Failure to do so will put any further funding requests in jeopardy

- (d) The grant must be spent within 12 months of it being awarded
- (e) You/your organisation will inform the Town Council if there is a delay in the start project/activity/event
- (f) Your organisation must acknowledge the support from Ryde Town Council in any marketing and promotional activity - a copy of the Town Council's logo will be provided for this use.
- (g) You must repay the grant (or part of the grant)
 - i. if the project does not go ahead or is not completed;
 - ii. if the full amount of the grant monies is no longer required;
 - iii. if any of the terms of the grant are not complied with
- (h) Additional conditions may be added before the release of any monies and will be notified to the applicant on the award of the grant. If you have any questions please contact us on grants@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk

THE DECISION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IS FINAL

PLEASE NOTE INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE TREATED AS IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. PLEASE REMEMBER TO REDACT ANY SENSITIVE INFORMATION. I/WE UNDERSTAND THAT KNOWINGLY PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION WILL INVALIDATE THIS APPLICATION AND WILL RESULT IN THE REQUIREMENT TO REPAY ANY GRANT THAT HAS BEEN AWARDED

Please return this form together with all the accompanying documentation to: grants@rydetowncouncil.gov.uk

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