

Grant Application Form

Please complete all sections of this application form.

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Section A – Please give the full name and address of the organisation applying for the grant and contact person

Name of organisation	St.Barnabas Church
Organisation details Include address, e-mail, telephone number, web-site	St Barnabas Church, The View, Alwoodley, Leeds LS17 7NA Phone: 0113 3459094 Email: admin@stbarnabasalwoodley.org.uk Web: https://stbarnabasalwoodley.org.uk/
Is this organisation a profit-making concern? No If this organisation is a registered charity, please provide charity number Charity Number 1211030	
Please provide a brief description of your organisation i.e. what does it do	<p>St Barnabas' Church is a vibrant Church of England parish within the Diocese of Leeds and part of the Moor Allerton and Shadwell Team Ministry. Beyond its core role as an open, welcoming place of worship, St Barnabas serves as a key community hub in North Leeds. The church facilities host a wide variety of community groups, cross-cultural initiatives, local support networks, and youth/family activities, delivering practical support and fostering social cohesion across the local population. The church and its adjacent church centre provide safe, accessible physical space for a broad range of local activities and outreach programs. Key community offerings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Support & Well-being: Initiatives such as the Harbour Café and Tea @ 2:30, providing safe, warm spaces to combat isolation and foster local connections. • Children, Youth & Family Services: Regular groups (e.g., Barnabees playgroups, Sunday groups, and local school partnerships) that support early childhood development, parents, and youth. • Cross-Cultural Integration: Active engagement with diverse communities, including a dedicated Cantonese ministry and seasonal community celebrations (e.g., Mid-Autumn Festival, Lunar New Year). • Venue & Resource Hub: Providing affordable space for local voluntary groups, healthcare/well-being pop-ups, and private family events. <p>St Barnabas is committed to inclusion, robust safeguarding, and</p>

	environmental stewardship, continually updating its facilities to ensure high accessibility and utility for all Alwoodley residents.	
Contact person Enter details of a contact person if we have a question in relation to this grant application	Name	
	Address – if different to above	
	Telephone	
	e-mail	
Have you applied for a grant from Alwoodley Parish Council before?		Yes, in 2024 Alwoodley Parish Council awarded St.Barnabas a £5000 grant towards a new church roof, and in 2019 received a grant towards resurfacing the carpark.

Section B – details of requested grant

Grant amount being applied for	£3000
Please provide details why this grant is required. Please include:	
Reason for grant application	<p>In October 2025 our 30-year-old inefficient gas heating system was decommissioned by the Gas Safety engineer as it failed the gas safety inspection. The church building now relies on a temporary solution of six 2kW electric fan heaters to heat the whole of the large church building. This is inefficient, financially unsustainable, environmentally damaging, and leaves the church uncomfortably cold during winter months—restricting our ability to host vital community services. To resolve this, we are undertaking a transformative environmental upgrade: replacing our legacy heating with a highly efficient 47kW electric convection heating system paired with a roof-mounted 50kW solar photovoltaic (PV) array. This project directly advances the Church of England’s target to achieve Net Zero Carbon by 2030, is cost neutral on our annual heating expenses, and ensures our building remains a warm, welcoming sanctuary and community hub for all.</p>
Who will benefit from it?	<p>Older Adults & Isolated Residents. For attendees of the <i>Harbour Café</i> and <i>Tea @ 2:30</i> outreach initiatives, it will provide a safe, reliably warm space during winter months, reducing the risk of cold-induced health issues, and encourage regular social contact.</p> <p>Young Children, Parents & Carers. For attendees of <i>Barnabees</i> toddler playgroup, intergenerational groups, and local school partnerships, it will ensure floor-level warmth and thermal comfort necessary for babies, toddlers, and new mothers during early years activities.</p> <p>New Residents & Migrant Communities. It will create an inviting, comfortable environment for integration, language exchange, and social support all the year round for Cantonese Ministry, <i>Café Connect</i>, and seasonal celebrations for example Mid-Autumn Festival, and Lunar New Year.</p> <p>Local Community Groups & Hirers. The new heating system will ensure year-round hall usability for third-party community hirers, health/fitness classes, and local voluntary organizations, preventing seasonal cancellations caused by cold temperatures.</p> <p>The Wider Alwoodley Neighbourhood & Environment. Through carbon reduction and energy efficiency gains, the new heating system will directly cut our carbon footprint, contributing to local and diocesan Net-Zero targets while acting as an example for parish decarbonization.</p>
How will the money be spent?	A tender process has indicated that the cost of the project will be £70,000. If a grant is awarded, the money will contribute to our total project expenditure. We are also applying to other grant bodies for additional funding to make up the total cost.
When will the money	The project will proceed as soon as sufficient funding has been

be spent?	obtained. We anticipate that work will commence early in 2027 and take 3 months to complete.
Will your organisation recognise the grant by this Parish Council?	Yes, we will recognise any funding awarded with a grant summary notice on the public facing community noticeboard in the church centre. We will officially record the grant income in the Parochial Church Council (PCC) annual report and accounts submitted to the Charity Commission. We will add the Alwoodley Parish Council logo and thank you note to the St. Barnabas website, and we will tag the Parish Council on our social media page. Parish councillors will be invited to a Sunday or community gathering to see the completed heating project in action.
How do you intend to keep the Parish Council informed about the project?	<p>Project Initiation: On award confirmation, we will notify the Parish Clerk with contact details for our designated Project Lead.</p> <p>Milestone Updates: We will send brief written email updates to the Parish Clerk upon achieving key milestones (e.g. installation commencement, and system commissioning).</p> <p>Final Completion & Impact Report: Within 30 days of completion, we will submit a formal End-of-Grant Report containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • photographs of the installed equipment. • Brief feedback/testimonials from community groups using the improved facilities. <p>Invitation to Site Visit: We will invite Parish Councillors to inspect the completed works and attend a community gathering.</p>

Section C – Please provide details of other sources of finance

Have you applied to any other body for a grant towards the proposed project? If yes please provide evidence, including the amount.	<p>As this project is a large capital expenditure for our church, we are approaching a number of grant bodies to request assistance with funding. These include large national grant bodies (Benefact Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation), church-related funding (Leeds Church Extension Society, and Diocese of Leeds Net Zero Quick Wins Grants), and community and environmental Landfill Community fund (Biffa Award).</p> <p>These applications are in progress. We hope for 100% funding from a combination of these grant bodies. Any shortfall will be paid for from church reserves.</p>
How else do you raise income?	<p>The core financial backbone of the church's day-to-day operations comes directly from church members, consisting of regular direct debit donations from church members, one-off donations during weekly services, and Gift Aid from eligible donations.</p> <p>We also have a source of self generated income from renting out the church's physical spaces. St Barnabas features a church centre with a large main hall, two smaller meeting rooms, and kitchen facilities which are rented out by community hirers (local voluntary groups, exercise and dance classes, health/well-being pop-ups), and private</p>

	<p>functions (birthday parties, baptism receptions, and community gatherings).</p> <p>The church generates standard regulated fees for conducting weddings and funerals, and there are occasional gifts left in the wills of former parishioners.</p>
If this grant application failed, what would happen?	<p>£30,000 of the £60,000 reserves available for buildings and estate maintenance is earmarked for other essential work over the next three years. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining grant funding, we will be forced to neglect other essential works in order to heat the main building.</p>

If successful, your grant will be paid by BACS payment, please provide the sort code and account number for the bank account you would like payment transferred to:

Section D - Application and declaration

Please read the following important terms and conditions carefully. By signing this form, you are confirming that:

- You are an official representative of your group and are authorised to apply for funding on their behalf.
- Your details can be held by Alwoodley Parish Council in accordance with the Data Protection Act to administer the grants process.
- You have read and understood the council's Grant Policy, available on the Council's website: www.alwoodleyaparishcouncil.org
- The information provided in this application is a fair and accurate description of your group and the project for which you are seeking funding. Misleading or inaccurate information may result in your application being rejected.
- You agree the core terms stated below.

Please review the Core Terms of the grant in the [Grant Awarding Policy](#) and sign below that you agree to the terms listed on that policy. Please pay careful attention to the payment terms and to the requirements to include Parish Council Logo on marketing materials associated with the project.

Signature *Andrew Whitehead*

Name Andrew Whitehead

Date: 13/10/2026