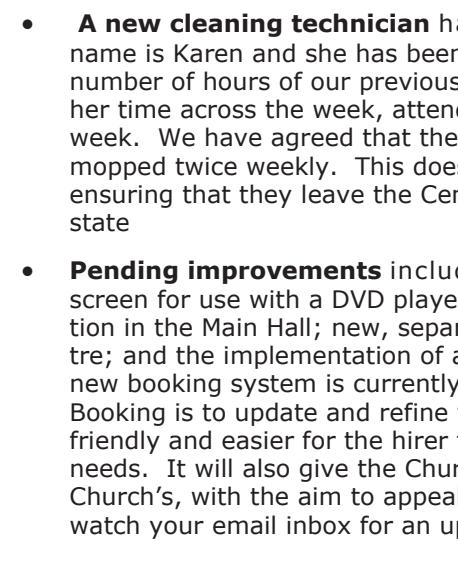




Welcome to this first edition of our Newsletter for Hirers. We hope you feel valued, part of the Church Centre Family and supported to develop, grow and promote your social group or business. The ways we try to assist you with this include: publishing your group profile on the Church web-page for the Centre 'A-Z of Hirers'; displaying your posters and leaflets on the Hirers Notice-board; providing you with a friendly and professional service; listening to your comments and suggestions; actively working with you to address any complaints; and proactively responding to your feedback. We have listened to you and made a number of improvements to the Centre, including taking on a new booking system which is more hirer orientated. We have enhanced the rooms to accommodate a wider variety of hirers, to attract a stronger hirer base. We are looking at advertising in a local free magazine within the next few months and plan to incorporate space to mention our regular hirers.



General Maintenance of the Church Centre & Grounds



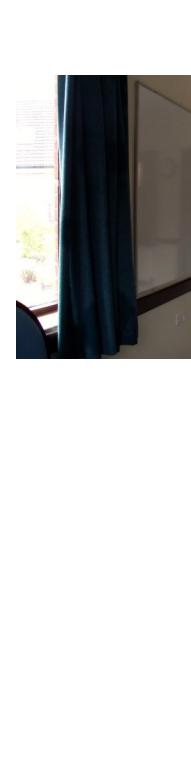
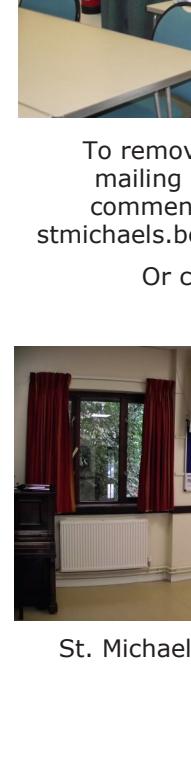
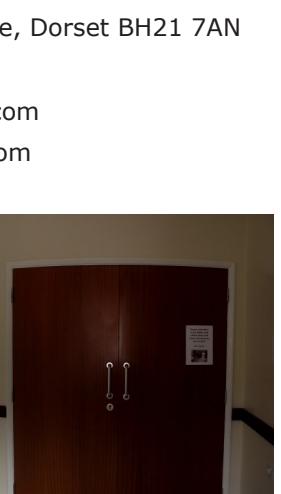
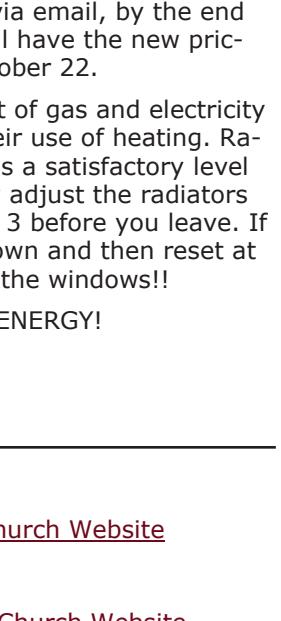
As a result of a thorough review of our Risk Assessment, a number of actions have been taken. For a full breakdown please see our updated Risk Assessment sent with this E-newsletter

- **Rear patio slabs** have been levelled, pressure washed & sanitised to reduce trip & slip hazards
- **A tree survey** has been undertaken and a tree surgeon was employed to address any issues.
- **The Centre roof tiles** have been cleaned and a protective coating applied to prolong its life span and prevent moss build up.
- **Finger guards** have been attached to the doors children most often access (toilets and Alec Moore Room) to prevent their fingers being trapped in the hinges.

Improvements to the Church Centre

We have been gradually making a number of improvements to the Church Centre and grounds over the course of the last few months and during the week we were closed for annual maintenance in August. We have completed the following works to make the spaces more user friendly and versatile.

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Support for Charities, Local Schools & the Community

St Michael's Church Centre support the community in a number of ways & provide our chosen charities with a venue to hold fundraising events. Here are some of the ways we have helped so far this year:

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Utility & Hire Costs

Our last price increase was implemented in December 2019. Since the return of activity, post Covid, the rising costs of utilities has become crippling. The cost of utilities used by the Church Centre is currently 240% higher than it was in 2019 and the Church Centre is no longer able to absorb these within the current hire fees. As difficult as we know it will be for you all find further funds, hire fees will be changing in due course in order to keep pace with the current level of inflation at 9.9% (at time of writing).

Hirers who have a current, signed, Booking Confirmation form in place before Oct 1st 2022 will have their hire charge honoured between now and 1st Jan 23. This hereby provides you with a 3 month notice period of pending change. Hirers will be notified of specific fee changes, via email, by the end of Sept. All new hirers to the Centre will have the new pricing structure implemented as of 1st October 22.

Given the significant increase in the cost of gas and electricity we ask all hirers to be responsible in their use of heating. Radiators are set at 3 which generally gives a satisfactory level of heat. If you need extra heat you may adjust the radiators accordingly but please set them back to 3 before you leave. If it is too warm then turn the radiators down and then reset at the end of the session - don't just open the windows!!

PLEASE AVOID WASTING ENERGY!



Links to additional pages:

> [St Michael and All Angels Church Website](#)

> [St Michael's Church Centre](#)

> [Centre 'A to Z of Hirers' on Church Website](#)

> [Centre & Grounds Risk Assessment](#)

