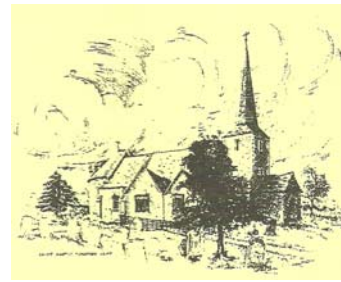




Now is the time!



Buses always arrive in twos! Great news when you've got lots of people to transport! Equally exciting is the news that two big community renewal projects are coming to Eynsford; both necessary to support our vibrant, active community.

St Martin's Church will be starting the next stage of its development plan. Eynsford Village Hall is to be demolished and rebuilt. All in the next couple of years.

The Village Hall trustees and the Parochial Church Council believe that both projects are urgent and will work together. When completed they will provide much needed and vastly improved facilities for the community. Neither building receives ongoing money from council tax payers, nor will they in future. But they will be there for everyone to use.

Flexible activity space is scarce in Eynsford. Approval has been given for a modern Village Hall which due to planning restrictions will occupy the current site. More uses will be possible than in the 100 year old building; perhaps an internet café or indoor bowls, and the survey results will provide guidance. Receptions will be comfortable in a smart building with a modern kitchen and terraced decking alongside the river.

The Church is even older and lacking basic amenities. Planned enhancements, which will maintain the church character, include disabled access, the addition of toilets, improved heating, flexible seating and a tea station. Not only will it be possible to try different approaches to church activities but adding these facilities will enable use by the community; for formal or informal meetings, concerts or seminars.

These huge improvements will complement each other. We depend on both buildings for the physical, social, emotional and spiritual health of the community. New uses opened up will allow us to improve the ways we meet these different needs and will together make it easier to book venues for local activities.

We have had a church and a hall provided by previous generations. Now it is our turn to pass on 21st century facilities for the future. The Parish Council is in favour; it is helping towards the cost of a new Village Hall. Grants will be sought, but public money is scarce. There will be a dependence on the efforts and generosity of local people to realise the plans for these wonderful community facilities. Public appeals will be launched in June this year for the Village Hall and early next year for St. Martin's.

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Eynsford Parochial Church Council and Eynsford Village Hall Trustees