

A New Beginning for the Durham Street Methodist Parish at the Aldersgate Centre



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Aldersgate Centre
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We lost our church building in the Canterbury Earthquakes; this limited us in how we could work with our community. But what was a devastating event can now be seen as an opportunity for us to build a new place and come together in our ministry to support those that need us. The Aldersgate Centre will not only be our place of worship, it will provide a heart for social support services in the central city. The complex will be flexible, welcoming and practical.

This exciting new centre will be open to all, and we want to especially provide a place of refuge and support for those at risk of being marginalised or left out. The Centre will house the Christchurch Methodist Mission Social Services and Christian World Service and it will provide a gathering place for community events and meetings and be open to people of all faiths and none.

It will serve as a base for the **streets** Ministry, a unique exciting ministry created for the purpose of engaging with the re-emerging inner city community of Christchurch in innovative and creative ways.

To allow us to build the Aldersgate Centre we need your support. While we have 85% of the funding required we need to fundraise \$1,400,000 to complete the building and fit it out properly to serve our community. The time is now and we encourage you to give today so that we can build our Centre for the future.

Aldersgate Centre

The Aldersgate Centre has been thoughtfully designed for purpose and the building includes a worship space, a performance and conference space, community break-out spaces, offices that will be tenanted by the Methodist Mission Social Services and Christian World Service as well as full commercial kitchen amenities allowing it to support larger events. A contemplative garden space with a water feature is also included. Careful consideration to cost was taken throughout the design and tendering processes and a total project budget of \$10,750,000 has been set. This is considerably less than first estimates and we are excited the Aldersgate Centre plans provide for a fully equipped building. Future plans include re-instating a pipe organ. Construction has begun and completion is expected late 2019.

The time is now

We need your support to see Aldersgate Centre come to full fruition. By donating today, you will become a significant part of our future. Your gift will be used to support the build of Aldersgate Centre so that we may once again serve the inner city community to the fullest as we did prior to the earthquakes. In this, you will be supporting hundreds of members of the community by providing a flexible complex where we can continue to evolve the way in which we live out our call as Methodists in Christchurch City.

A message from the Superintendent



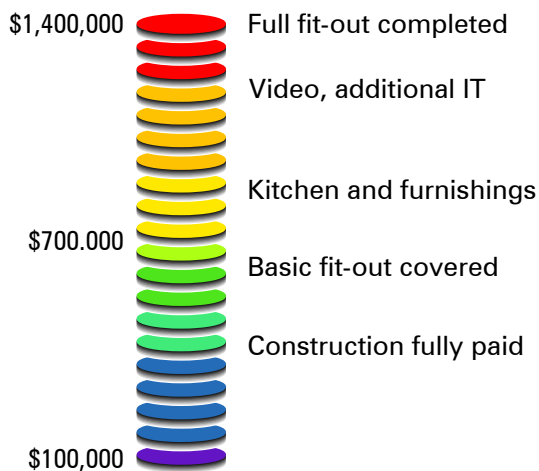
Rev. Jill van de Geer

God gives us a future daring us to go into dreams and dangers on a path unknown...

Elizabeth Smith in her hymn sets the challenge for us. As a congregation the people of Durham St have held strongly to the belief that their mission is to the City and that this is what God was calling them to be and do. Since the earthquake in 2010 we have truly been a "tent" people. To those congregations who allowed us to put down our tent pegs for a time we are grateful and continue to enjoy the relationships formed.

On Monday morning 26 February 2018 at dawn, Te Here's beautiful voice called us through the rain and darkness onto our Durham St site, after eight years of travelling in what at times felt like the wilderness. This blessing signalled for us as a congregation the unfolding of the dream we have for the future.

We are inviting you to be a part of this future by making a contribution no matter how small, so that you might share our excitement that yes, God does give us a future!



This coin stack indicates the approximate levels of additional funds required to achieve the various goals. The basic fit-out covers sufficient furniture for holding normal services and includes sanctuary furniture and kitchen equipment for refreshments, light lunches, and some comfortable seating in the lounge. The full fitout provides theatrical lighting and additional audio and video technology throughout the complex and a fully equipped kitchen.

Your Gift options

Any gift assisting the build of Aldersgate Centre is truly valued and very special. You can choose how you structure your gift and could consider a one-off donation, regular commitments or a legacy gift. We invite you to talk to us today about a gift option that will work best for you and your family.

By committing to donate \$20 per week over the next 36 months you will make a significant contribution to Aldersgate Centre. Giving in this way you will help us to guarantee our project target. By pledging your support today, you will walk with us as we work through the stages of the build and reinvigorate our community service.

To become a special donor to the Aldersgate Centre you can make your contribution directly into our account or at any service in a suitably marked envelope. You can choose to do a one-off payment or regular weekly payments. If you would like to talk to us about leaving a bequest, please indicate this above.

Your Acknowledgment as a Donor to the Aldersgate Centre

As a special donor to this project, the Durham Street Methodist Church will recognise your support with:

- Acknowledgment in the complex for significant donors
- Regular updates from us about the progress of the build via email or hardcopy – depending on your preference
- A special invitation to the opening of the new Aldersgate Centre
- Acknowledgement in our newsletter and website, should you wish.

Please return this form either by scanning and emailing or posting to

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For further information about how you can gift please contact the Treasurer treasurer@aldersgate.org.nz; the Church Office ph:(03) 348 9260 (Monday to Friday 9.00am-1.00pm) or visit our website www.aldersgate.org.nz

- I am making a one-off contribution of _____ Please find my cheque enclosed
- I choose to help today and pledge my support to Aldersgate Centre of _____ per week over the next 36 months. (\$10/week = \$1560 over 36 months, \$30/week = \$4680 over 36 months) I will pay by internet banking
- I would like to talk about leaving a bequest. Please contact me.

Christchurch Central Methodist Parish

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