



# **2008 to 2016**

## **St Michael's Church Hall Pelsall**

**2008** it was decided that something had to be done with the Church Hall and a Steering Committee was set up to look at the possibilities.

**2009** discussions and research into options continued reporting back ideas to PCC. A structural report was obtained on the building and further suggestions made to either knock the present building down and rebuild or a 'Skin' be built around the outside of the present building to include the roof and walls. With costs in mind and maybe grants which might be available, but not guaranteed, we would still have to work hard to provide funding ourselves.

**2011** It was again put to the PCC that there were three options to be considered, 1) do nothing. 2) rebuild. 3) refurbish (within a reasonable cost) Option 3 was agreed upon to refurbish the hall the first job being the roof to stop the leaks and make the building watertight. (this being phase 1 of an anticipated minimum 5 year project)

**2012** after considerable ground work by the steering committee researching options and costing etc. and a concentrated effort in fund raising within the church, work started on the exterior of the Hall.

**2013** the new Roof, wall cladding, guttering, windows and doors had been completed. Attention now turned to the interior of the hall. Toilets, Kitchen etc. It was decided that we should look at the possibility of doing as much work as possible ourselves, an appeal was made for volunteers to work on the project. By November saw the stage area 'cleaned out' and turned into a eating/stage area and work began on refurbishing the toilets.

**2014** work on the new toilets continued steadily, a new lobby area was created to the right of the stage, leading to new ladies and gents toilets. The main entrance to the hall was refurbished with provision for a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities. Wiring was in-stalled to enable electric heaters to be fitted and controlled by a programmer and thermostat.

**2015** saw the disabled toilets fitted out including provision for Baby changing, and work began on the area kitchen side of the stage to create a chair and table store with maintenance area. Work also started on the Hall Kitchen, the serving hatch was repositioned and new units and worktops fitted with new ovens and hob. A new hot water tank, plus a sink and worktop were also fitted into the room at the side of the stage providing extra facilities. A new distribution board was fitted in the bar and the electrics for kitchen and side room rewired.

**2016** work started on converting the room off the entrance lobby for storage etc. and in March work began on the Main Hall with walls recovered with plaster board. Old gas heaters removed and a suspended ceiling fitted. New lighting has also been installed.

Work continues and should be completed in the very near future.