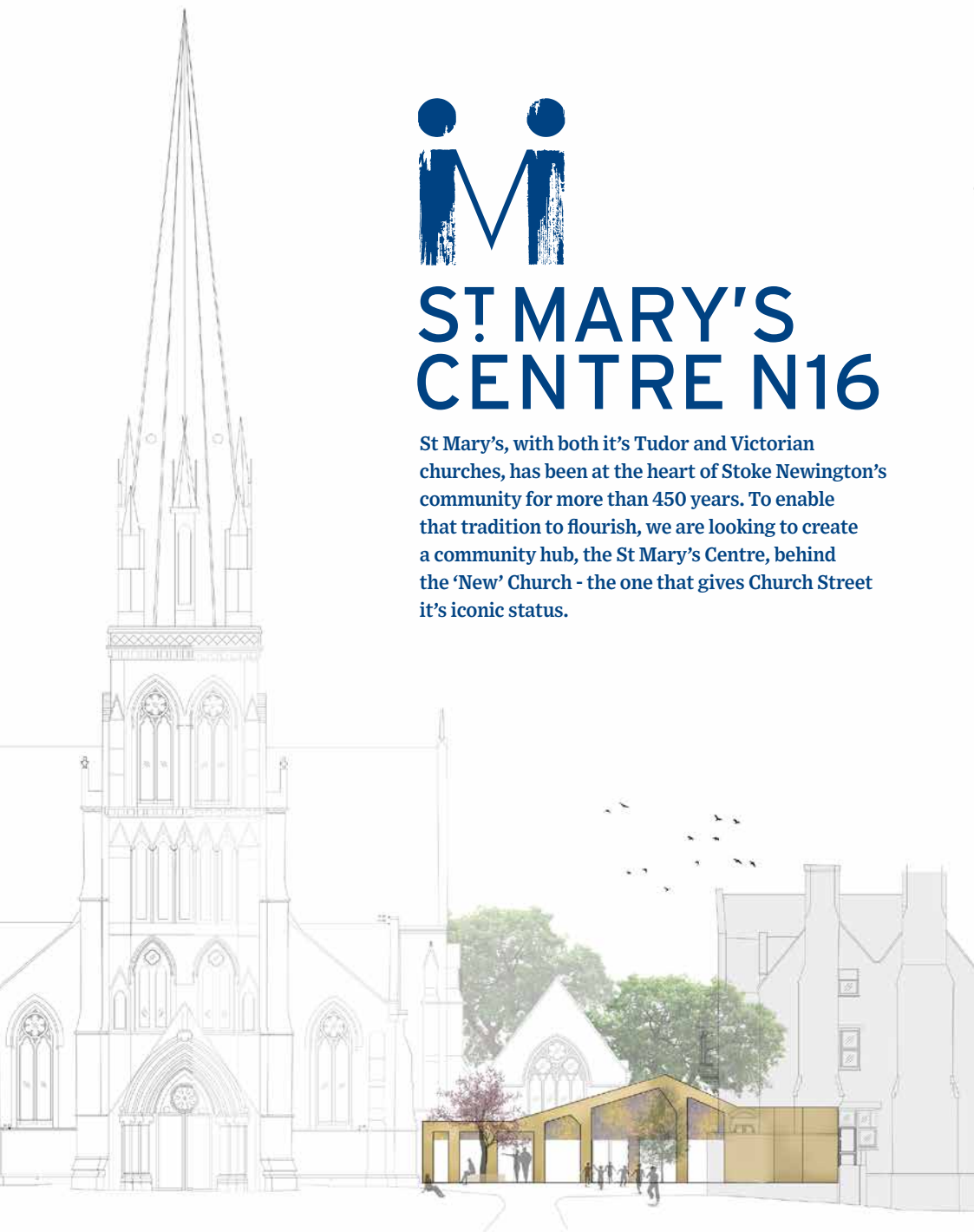




ST MARY'S CENTRE N16

St Mary's, with both its Tudor and Victorian churches, has been at the heart of Stoke Newington's community for more than 450 years. To enable that tradition to flourish, we are looking to create a community hub, the St Mary's Centre, behind the 'New' Church - the one that gives Church Street its iconic status.



West elevation



The story so far

In 2012 we reimagined and renovated the Old St Mary's Tudor church on the edge of the park, making provision for an Arts Space now used extensively by the people of Hackney and beyond. Now it's time to develop the rooms behind the Victorian church opposite, to bring this space back to life for the enjoyment of all. The present rooms, where community projects are currently held, just don't do the job any more. They are hidden away, hard to find (did you know they were there?) and not designed for all the purposes to which our community wants to put them.

The new St Mary's Centre will help us to realise our vision of offering hospitality to all. It will enable us to:

- Expand the projects that are currently squeezed into the dilapidated rooms, including the Hackney Winter Night Shelter, the Food Bank, Migrant and Refugee services, 'Doctors of the World'.
- Offer flexible, well resourced meeting spaces for local groups, charities, one-off gatherings.
- Provide an appropriate and inclusive space for children and young people to gather.

*'We aim to create a peaceful and welcoming space for our guests, but we are limited by the rooms and their inadequate facilities':
Hackney Winter Night Shelter.*

Visual of the hall



We need your help!

We know that it will cost £1.6 million to build the new St Mary's Centre. We have raised a million and have plans in place which we hope will bring in all but £250,000 of that money.

So, our target - to enable us to offer Stoke Newington a community hub which future generations will be able to enjoy - is less than the price of a studio flat in N16!

The St Mary's Centre will be a welcoming, useful, active focus for the whole of Stoke Newington, but we can only make this possible through the generosity of local people. **People, we hope, like you.**



The Hackney Community Gospel Choir at the launch of the Fundraising Appeal



Launch of the Fundraising Appeal with a Pop-Up Food Market in the grounds of the church.

'Last week we had around 65 people visit the centre and we had to turn many away': *Hackney Migrant Centre.*

Launch of the Fundraising Appeal in the grounds of the church.



How to give to the new St Mary's Centre:

Visit: www.stmaryn16.org

or visit our BT MyDonate page mydonate.bt.com (Charity # 1133877)

or Send a cheque to St Mary's PCC

(clearly stating 'for St Mary's Centre')

'We are lacking high quality, reasonably priced community facilities in this area so opportunities for bringing people together are now more limited': *Stoke Newington resident.*

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