



pastor@aimchurch.org



www.aimchurch.org



Dear neighbour,

My name is Peter and I am the Pastor at one of your local churches. We moved into Appleton in 1986 as part of a new housing development, much like Orchard Meadows. There were a few of us who decided that with all the new houses being built we would love to start a church in the area to serve the needs of the new community. So we did! And for 37 years we have been meeting every week in Appleton Parish Hall and serving the needs of the whole community.

When land was reserved for housing in this area, we again thought it would be a great idea to start another church. When your housing development was first talked about in 2015 we asked what is now Homes England, if they would build us a church as part of the local centre. They liked the idea and our church was included along with a medical centre and a local shop as part of the approved Outline Planning Permission for Orchard Meadows. For whatever reason the local centre wasn't delivered, and Homes England are now consulting you and your neighbours as to what should be part of the local centre. Over recent years we have shared our vision for a church with community facilities with Warrington Borough Council, Homes England, Appleton Parish Council and other agencies acting on behalf of Homes England. We have shared it with neighbours who live at Orchard Meadows. Our plans have been well received and are widely supported. We now think it is a good time to share them with you, and if you like them, maybe you could use the survey you have been asked to complete and support us so we can serve you and your community.

On the back of this letter, we have shared our plans that were drawn up by Gately Smithers Purslow Architects who have been advising and representing us over the last 5 years. The plan shows what we want a building to be like so we can use it as a Place of Worship with some outstanding facilities that we want to provide for our community. Our plan includes a community café where you and your neighbours can meet together. A gym that you can have access to where you can walk to from your home. Spaces where your kids can enjoy activities; where adult groups can meet and where the whole community can come together for events. We want to have outdoor spaces with a quiet garden for you to sit and chill, a place where you can grow things with your neighbours, a place where you and your family can play sports. In short, we want to be your local church and serve the spiritual, physical, emotional and practical needs of your community.

If this sounds like something you would benefit from at Orchard Meadows, please support us. Visit <https://southeastwarrington.commonplace.is/> and click on "Appleton Cross Local Centre" and "Have your say". We hope you will say that you would like a Place of Worship with community facilities that serves the needs of your community.

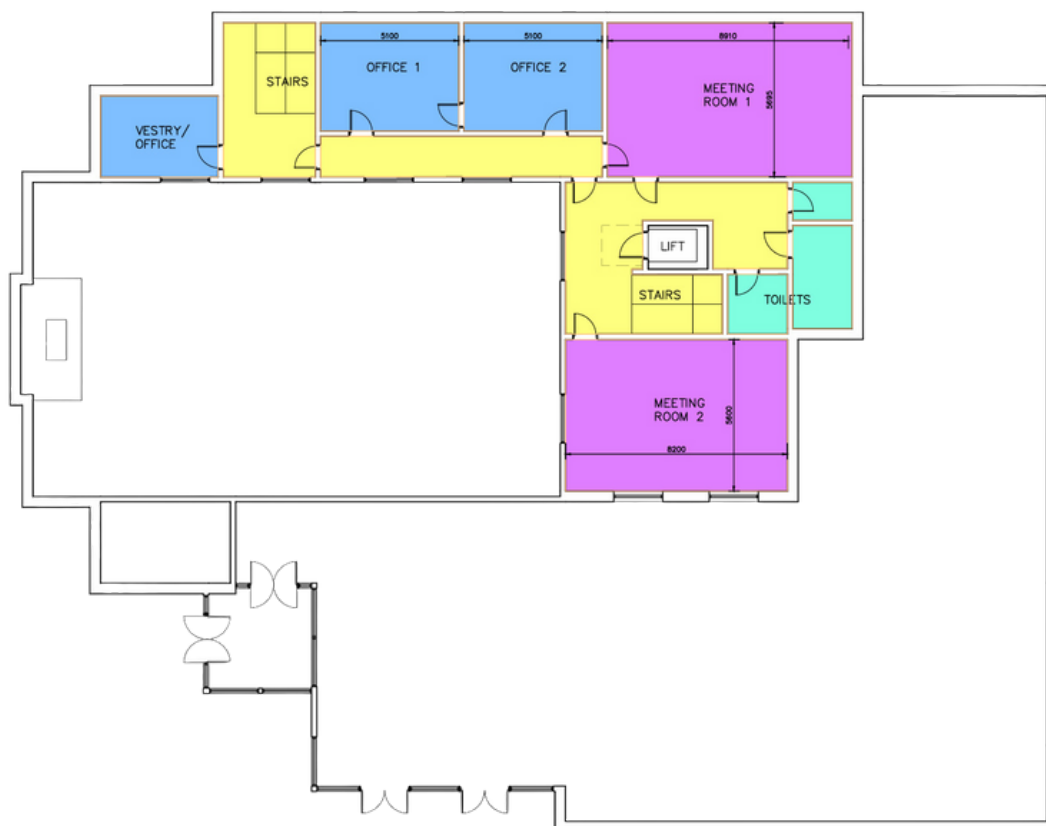
This is a new project for us on the back of 37 years of serving the Appleton Community. Our existing church will continue to serve where it is and so if you need us for anything now, before we hopefully start another church in Appleton Cross, please get in touch. Our details are at the top. Thanks for reading our letter. We hope to see you soon!

Yours,

Peter

Architectural floor plan of the first floor of a church building. The plan includes the following rooms and features:

- Top Left:** FIRE EXIT, STAIRS, STORE (4000), VESTRY/OFFICE (4340), TOILETS, TOILETS & CHANGING (3000).
- Top Right:** MEETING ROOM 1 (8000 x 5000), FIRE EXIT, GYM (6000 x 8000).
- Center:** WORSHIP SPACE (10840 x 11000), COMMUNITY HALL (8860 x 11000), MOVABLE WALL, LIFT, STAIRS.
- Bottom Left:** OFFICE (4800), MAIN ENTRANCE FROM ESTATE, LOBBY (3000).
- Bottom Center:** FOYER / CAFE, TERRACE SEATING.
- Bottom Right:** KITCHEN, SERVERY, MEETING ROOM 2 (5800 x 5800), MEETING ROOM 3 (5800 x 5800), MOVABLE WALL, FIRE RATED SERVERY SHUTTER.
- Other:** TOILETS & CHANGING (two locations), FIRE EXIT (multiple locations).



 AIM Church
 AIM Church
 aimchurchuk