

Church of the Year: Zion Baptist Church

Zion Baptist Church is located in the city-centre of Cambridge. We run a number of outreach programs, many of which are aimed at the considerable International community. We run Free English Classes, an Easy English Bible Study, an Alpha Course, a Homeless Outreach, a Pensioners' Fellowship, a Toddler Group, and are on the Chaplaincy Team at Anglia Ruskin University.

We founded *Jimmy's Nightshelter* in 1994 to serve the considerable homeless community in Cambridge. We have recently commenced building work to expand *Jimmy's*, which is currently located in the church basement, into the three floors of our 1837 building, to provide a better service for our guests. As a result, the church will lose its church hall, kitchen and small meeting rooms, leaving us with the "church", a small vestibule, and one of the basements.

Consequently, to enable the church to continue to function effectively as a church and in our outreach activities, we need to extend the church vestibule to provide a larger and more functional space for meetings and activities. We also need to create a kitchenette, a crèche room and an improved disabled toilet. Installing a lift shaft would permit better disabled access to the church and basement.

We foresee that the project will cost in excess of £92,000.

Thank you for supporting us as the Church of the Year.

