

## Swilland Church Report 2026

### Community Hub in Swilland

We are at present building a small community hub in the church building in Swilland. Currently, our village of Swilland unlike our partner village Witnesham cannot host essential community activities. As a result of modifications and improvements to the fabric of the building, we are providing a community meeting place which is for any group within the village community. By installing universally accessible facilities of a kitchen/toilet, we can support existing and new initiatives and encourage greater resident participation. All generations, including disabled will benefit from the provision of a space for all types of community activities.

In terms of heritage, the project will benefit our village community by provision of a **free** and freely available usage meeting place for community groups such as the existing Men's Group, a revived Ladies Circle, village coffee mornings (at present held in resident's homes) and envisaged new groups, such as mums and toddlers, chat morning, small concerts (utilizing the good acoustics of the building), committee meetings, hobby clubs and any others that come into being as a result of the improved facilities.

For reasons beyond our control this community enhancing infra structure project has gone over budget decimating our finances necessitating our plea for help from the Parish Council to enable us to complete the project and give Swilland a social community space for the first time ever.