



# Press Notice

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## **£967,000 boost for All Saints redevelopment project**

**The ambitious project to redevelop the historic church of All Saints in the Market Place has been awarded a massive grant of £967,001 by Viridor Credits Environmental Company, through the Landfill Communities Fund.**

The grant – among the largest ever awarded by Viridor Credits – will help to ensure that the project can be completed on schedule early in 2014.

Work on the development started in February this year, and was initially limited to creating two new entrances to the church, refurbishing the choir vestry and providing new toilets. The grant from Viridor Credits will go towards the second phase of the project, in which ASK will reorder and redecorate the interior of the church, level the floors, and install new heating and lighting as well as a refreshment bar. This will complete the refurbishment phase of the project.

As with all grants under the Landfill Communities Fund, the grant from Viridor Credits is conditional on a substantial sum being provided by third parties, and the church's congregation and friends have risen to the challenge, pledging over £48,000 to the cause which will be added to pledges from other sources. The Rev Jonathan Wilkes said:

"A few months ago we launched our 'Angels' campaign to help raise the money to complete this exciting project. Never has a name been more appropriate! Everyone who has pledged money to help us secure this grant can rightly be described as an angel.

"This is a major vote of confidence from an important funder, and puts us well on the way to completing the refurbishment phase of our project early next year. We are not yet out of the wood, and we still need a few more angels to help us to secure the rest of the money we need, but we are confident, with this backing behind us, that we will be successful."

Lisa Nelson, General Manager of Viridor Credits, said:

"All Saints is a church of immense historical significance and one that has maintained its place at the centre of the community throughout its long history. We are delighted to support phase II of the project in providing upgraded facilities to benefit the community of Kingston and beyond."

