

Chelmsford Diocesan House of Retreat



Pleshey Refurbishment



Since its dedication as a House of Prayer in 1909 the house has served many thousands of pilgrims with space and peace, time for reflection, sanctuary, hospitality and the richness of abundant creation. It has helped them to be renewed. Now our House of Prayer needs its own renewal as it enters a new century.

Making changes, while maintaining the quiet ambience and established character, can be both challenging and costly. We have already received a legacy of around £580,000 and have raised a further £70,000, which has enabled us to complete some of the proposed work.

We have been able to build an additional meeting room, The Orangery, convert 7 of our bedrooms to en-suite and make significant improvements to our disabled persons access/areas.

Now we plan to convert most of our remaining bedrooms to en-suite, install a lift to the 1st floor, improve our catering facilities and make improvements to and redevelop the entrance and welcome area.



The Retreat House, Pleshey is situated at the edge of a small village in the heart of the Essex countryside and is a place of prayer, space and quiet reflection. The programme of Retreats and Quiet Days, many of which are suitable for people who have never been on a retreat or quiet day before, offers a calm and peaceful place within the life of the Diocese, the wider church and communities where, through encounter with God, we are inspired to holy living.



Walk softly in the ways of God
Listen gently to the voice of God
Sit quietly in the love of God
Pray humbly to the heart of God
Act boldly in the strength of God



Go forth in His name

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

A gift to the Retreat House refurbishment is a gift to present and future generations to continue the work of encouraging holy living. Every gift of money, whether large or small, and every gift of time and talents will carry forward that work.

To make a donation to the refurbishment of The Retreat House, please enclose your gift in an envelope with the form overleaf; this enables us not only to claim back tax from the government but we will send you the House's thanks for your generosity.

- By standing order: £25.00* (for example) each month for 3 years
- By one-off donation. Cheques should be made payable to **Retreat House Pleshey**
- By pledging a legacy* more information is available for you

*For standing order forms, legacy information, or to offer your time as a volunteer to our appeal programme, our contact details are overleaf.



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Please treat the enclosed gift of £ _____ as a Gift Aid donation. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given and that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

Full Name: _____ **Amount enclosed:** _____

Address: _____

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Signature: **Date:**

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