



Armenian Diocesan Centre
(Arachnortaran)

Establishing a
permanent UK religious
centre for generations to
come



Background Bishop's House

Since March 2018, the Bishop has been living and working in temporary rented accommodation in Ealing, known as the "Bishop's House".

The Bishop's House has served as a meeting place for the Armenian Community, conveniently located in West London as it is in, an area where so many London Armenians live.

Over the past five years, the Bishop's House has been successful in establishing and promoting many new and popular activities and functions.

The establishment of Bishop's House has made it easier for the community to visit, attend and get involved in the growing list of activities being offered by the Diocese.



Bishop's House Activities

CHRISTIAN FAITH LECTURE SERIES

A lecture series that introduces the faith, theology, liturgy, sacraments and the spiritual heritage of the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

A new weekly Bible study session for the faithful of the community, who are in search of a deeper understanding of their faith and Christian fellowship.

CONTEMPORARY AND SOCIAL ETHICS

Discussion groups led and curated by Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian, during which social and ethical issues, which are of concern for young professionals and members of the larger Armenian community, are explored.

ARMENIAN CONNECTIONS

A monthly networking gathering for young professionals, which also allows the participants to catch up with friends and discuss the latest developments in the Armenian world.

WINE AND PHILOSOPHY

A dinner and discussion event for young professionals curated and led by Dr. Hratch Tchilingirian".

COFFEE WITH THE BISHOP

A regular opportunity for members of the community to meet with HG Bishop Hovakim and catch up on the latest news in the Diocese, Armenia and within the Diaspora.

AREV CHILDREN'S CLUB

A regular group held at Bishop's House to introduce aspects of the faith to the youngest members of the community through play and games.

DIOCESE OFFICES

Bishop's House contains a modern office from which diocesan matters are attended to efficiently and professionally.

ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITING CLERGY AND DEACONS

ARMENIAN CHURCH YOUTH ORGANISATION (ACYO)

A regular meeting place for the Church Youth in our community.

DEACON TRAINING

Allows for the continuation of the preparation and building of our Deacons' liturgical knowledge in the service of our Lord.

A VENUE FOR WELCOMING HIGH RANKING RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ECUMENICAL AND DIOCESAN MEETINGS

The Future

The Armenian Church has been present in the UK for over 150 years, yet for some reason, we have been unable to secure a permanent Diocesan Centre (Arachnortaran). Now we need to put this right.

Members of the community are nostalgic for a return of a focal point for the community similar to the function that Armenian House enjoyed during the 1970s and 1980s.

This has highlighted the need for a permanent Arachnortaran that can, in association with the Churches, once again serve as the heart of Armenian Church and Diocesan activities within the UK.

Bishop's House has proved itself to be successful in providing a focal point for various activities for the Armenian community. However, it is in rented premises and its longevity can not be guaranteed.

01

The headquarters of the Armenian Church in UK, a permanent Diocesan Centre to serve all Armenians.

02

A Diocesan Centre to serve the growing religious, pastoral and educational needs and activities for all generations.

03

A dedicated space, for meeting on a regular basis, providing an opportunity to nurture, learn and serve religious beliefs.

Bishop's vision

A permanent Arachnortaran and the community benefits

The Bishop envisages that the Arachnortaran would contain a modern event space, a religious and spiritual library for ecumenical and Armenian studies, offices and accommodation. Through it, the Diocese would provide facilities and support other initiatives, which would be accessible to the Armenian community.

Importantly the establishment of the Arachnortaran would also allow the Diocese to continue to develop engagement and involvement with the Armenian youth. The Diocesan Centre will offer a convenient and stable venue for its youth. Although it has become increasingly challenging to engage the youth in church activities, we can build upon the success achieved at Bishop's House in networking and collaborating with young people and their parents.

There is a need for a safe and welcoming venue for all of the younger members of the Armenian community to meet one another, perhaps reminiscent of the manner in which their parents once met in the preceding decades. An Arachnortaran would provide such a venue, and host appropriate gatherings.

04

Much needed facilities for Armenian Church voluntary groups who require a base from which to organise ecumenical and social events, and other activities.

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A space for private events for community members, families and friends, e.g. Baptism events, Wakes, special occasion events.

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A residence for the Primate, visiting clergy, as well as temporary accommodation for visiting deacons and students.

Our Progress so far

ACT UK has purchased the premises of the Princess Royal, 107 Ealing Rd, Brentford TW8 0LF, at the cost of £1.32 million. The premises provide ample facilities including, residential accommodation for the clergy on the first floor, Diocesan offices and halls on the ground floor.

We have secured an interest free (0%) loan for the full amount from a Christian organisation to be repaid in instalments over three years. To date we have raised £300,000 in donations towards the loan repayment. This year we need to raise an additional £350,000. We also have a pledge of £100,000 towards the renovation costs and we look to you for further support.

Premise Facilities

Large function
space

Small function
room

Prayer room

Library

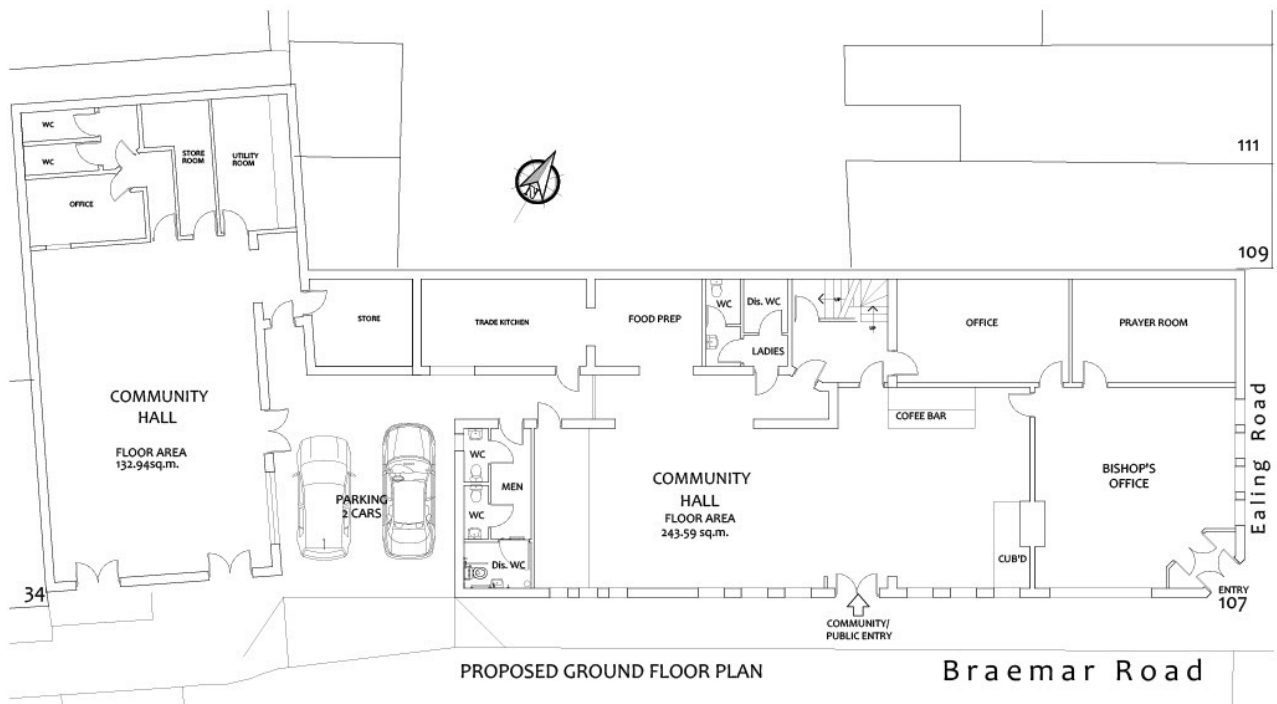
Accommodation
and offices



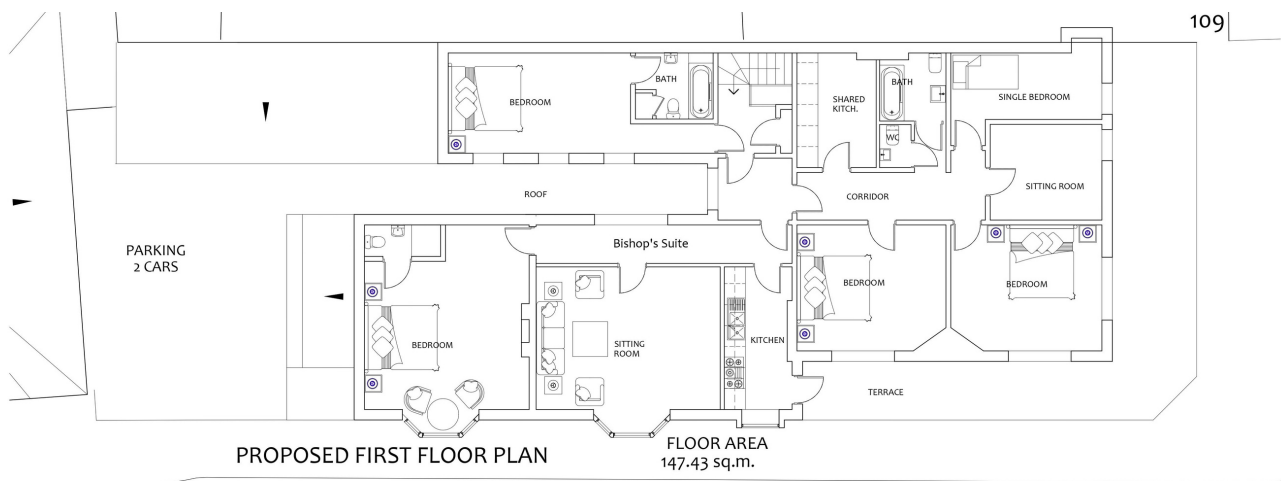
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Ground Floor



First Floor

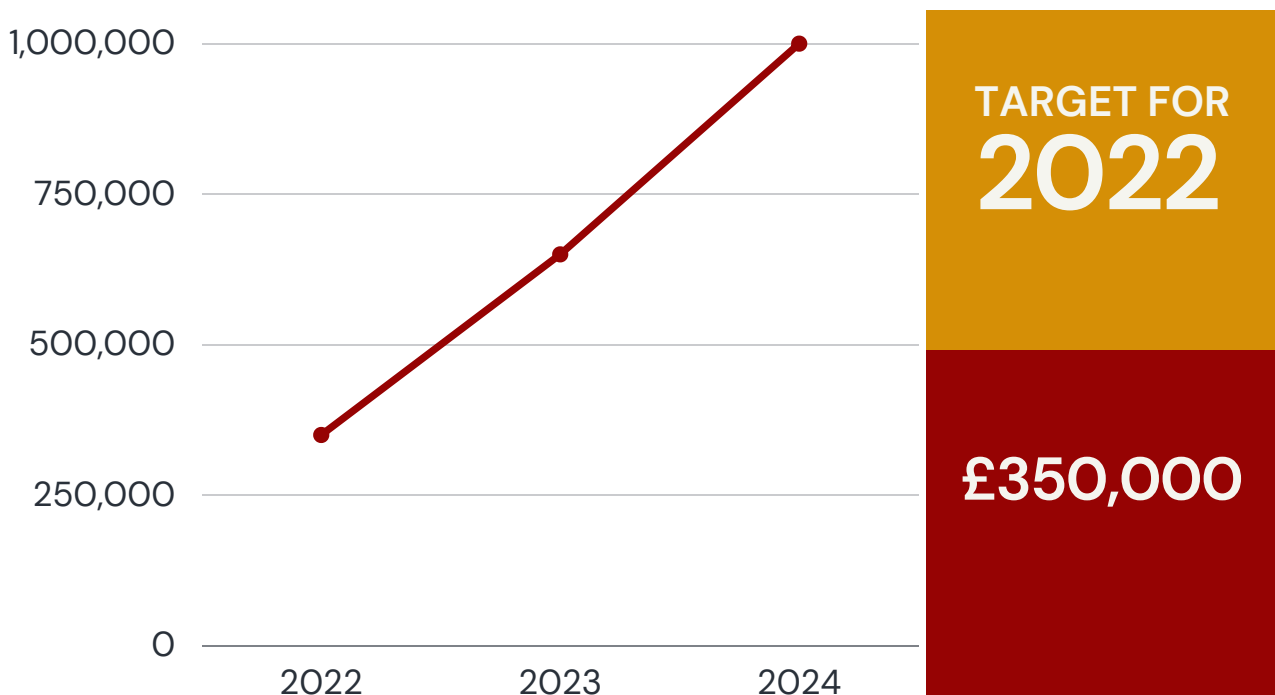
Funding Opportunity

The Primate's office is seeking donations from the community, however large or small, towards the repayment of the loan and the renovation of the premises which will be the permanent Arachnortaran for the Armenian Church Diocese of United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

The Armenian Diocesan Centre is owned and managed by the Armenian Church Trust UK, a registered charity, the trustees of which are the elected representative members from the Armenian Church Parishes in the UK and Republic of Ireland. This will ensure continuity and growth of the religious activities of the Armenian Church Diocese in United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

Funding Plan

3 year target



Recognising Donors

The Bishop acknowledges that this is a significant funding commitment for potential donors. However, because these contributions will benefit the Armenian Church Diocese for decades, the Bishop is keen to recognise the valuable contribution of each donor, who will be commemorated within the Arachnortaran. The Bishop would be keen to discuss personally with each donor what could be offered by way of appropriate acknowledgement.

We would like to appeal to our community members to give generously and donate in their name or in memory of their loved ones. All donations will be suitably acknowledged. All donations and contributions are, of course, highly valued and much appreciated. We would also be very grateful to hear of any fundraising initiatives to encourage others to contribute.



We thank you for your ongoing support to the Armenian Church

Further Information

I am very happy to discuss any questions that you may have about the new Armenian Diocesan Centre. Please contact me directly on my mobile number 079 400 58159 or email info@armenianchurch.co.uk.

My main aim as always is to create an active, vibrant centre to serve the needs of all members of our people.

I pray that the Lord may continue to bless you and your family abundantly.

Donations

You can make your donation by cheque, payable to ACT UK (Ltd), postal address: 107 Ealing Road, Brentford TW8 0LF ; or via bank transfer: ACT UK: Acc No:41340360, Sort Code: 30-94-65, Ref: Diocesan Centre.

(Please complete the Gift Aid form; this will enable us to reclaim the basic rate of tax on your donation, back from HMRC, at no extra cost to you).

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