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LEADERS LOOK TO MAKE MORE USE OF CEMETERY ROAD BUILDING WITH FUNDING GRANT

Church branches out with plans for future

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With its Victorian Romanesque design and a large rose window, as well as its twin towers, the Cemetery Road Baptist Church in Sheffield is an imposing venue not simply used for worship.

English classes, asylum support sessions, lunch clubs and exhibitions all take place at the building in Sharrow - and now leaders are looking into how to make even more

use of the church after winning thousands of pounds in funding.

The National Churches Trust has given the baptist church a £10,000 project development grant, part of a new programme that allows congregations to develop and plan repair work, as well as community schemes.

Using the money, the church will produce a blueprint to decide on the best alterations to the building, and work out where the necessary finance can be obtained for the improvements.

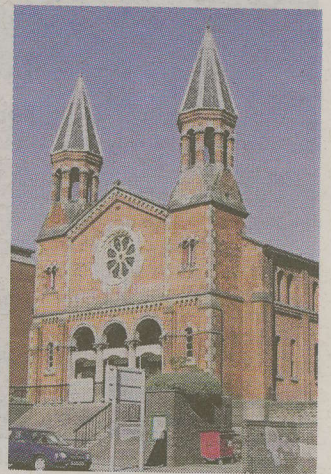
The aims are to fix damp,

and install an energy-efficient heating system, accessible toilets and storage.

Parts of the interior are also set to be restored.

Clare Bonson, chair of the church's property advisory group, said the revamp would allow the church to get to know its neighbours, 'regardless of faith'.

"The grant is a wonderful springboard for delivering our vision that our buildings will provide first-class, sustainable facilities to support the church's worship and ministry in the local community," she said.



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