

PRESS RELEASE

FROM: Fiona Bruce MP for Congleton Constituency

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Fiona Bruce attends Crewe West End Concert Band Fundraiser at Middlewich Civic Hall

Fiona Bruce MP attended a concert to raise funds for No 28, the new Parish Centre of St Michael and All Angels Church, Middlewich.

The No 28 is a two storey shop immediately opposite the Church door, built over a hundred years ago. It was acquired earlier this year, by St Michael and All Angels Church in a very dilapidated condition and had to be gutted, a damp course installed, replastered and completely refurbished. It now provides a drop-in centre for the community with a very successful cafe in the shop floor area and a commercial standard kitchen behind and meeting rooms upstairs, together with the Church office.

No 28 was used to train the Street Pastors Initiative, which was launched on Sunday 31st October and there are plans to provide debt counselling and cancer support group. To buy, furnish and equip No 28 has cost the Church £353,000.

The concert, entitled, 'Band and Bells' featured not only the Crewe West End Concert Band, under the direction of Albert Dunseath played a variety of pieces from Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D minor to Mamma Mia, via Les Miserables. Singer, Michelle Newton, entertained with Lloyd Webber songs and the St Michael's Handbell Ringers provided a varied programme including 'Two Fanfares for Bells 1 & 2 by Michael R. Keller'.

Fiona Bruce said:

'I have been to a number of events at No 28 already. In the short time it has been open it is proving to be an invaluable community resource and I congratulate all those who have worked so hard at St Michael and All Angels to make it a reality. Thanks must also go to the Crewe West End Concert Band, Michelle Newton and the St Michael's Handbell Ringers for a most entertaining evening'.

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