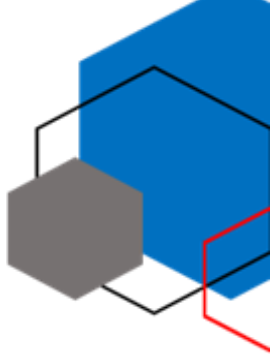




# Our Heritage “At Risk” Restoration project needs your support

**His Place**  
Reg Charity No:  
1054331

Robertson Street,  
Hastings,  
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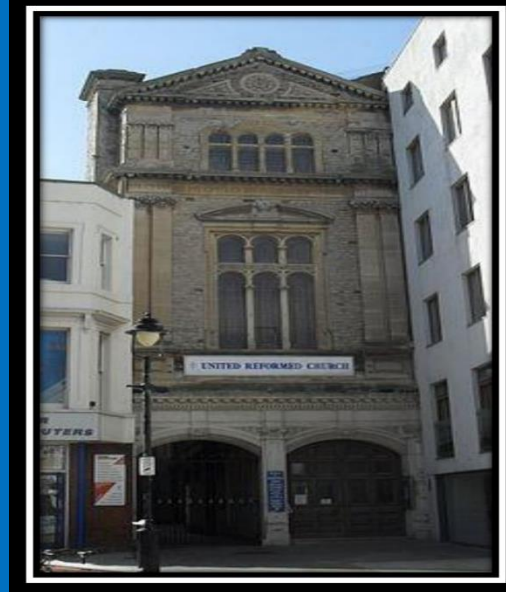


## Help Us Save

# The former Robertson Street Congregational Church

Historic England At Risk Register List entry 1393646

Now a multi-use community venue in the heart of Hastings



# Community First – past, present and future

# Support Options Plan: putting community first

His Place & OPUS Theatre are aiming to raise £500,000 by July 2020 to enable the full restoration of the exterior of the building. This will ensure the community have a multi-use venue for many years to come which is charity run and self-sufficient, ensuring that services continue for the use of future generations. We plan to:

- Complete the urgent masonry, window and ironwork repairs required to keep the building in use.
- Increase the use of the building for the community.
- Create wheelchair access to the first floor, currently home to Opus Theatre and His Place Community Church.
- Refurbish the Art Café & Community centre to ensure full access to all, making it a comfortable, adaptable space with 2 community useable kitchens, sensory room and meetings/ activities hall.
- Upgrade the heating system and make it more environmentally friendly.
- Provide volunteering & educational opportunities throughout this project.
- Provide Hastings and surrounding areas with a multi-use community venue available for wider community use through hire of facilities, free social activities as well as an entertainment venue – OPUS Theatre, Community Cinema Club, Music Café and more.

## Support Options:

### Stage 1 – Sponsorship / adoption of external fabric

- Sponsor a section of stained-glass window,
- Buy masonry (stone)
- Adopt a pew seat (130-year-old pews)

The target to start the work required is £200,000. The total required to complete the work is £500,000.

### This money will cover the cost of:

**Scaffolding** - to be erected around the whole building and remaining in place for the 24 – 32 months. This will take a month to erect and the same to dismantle.

**Window repairs** – It is estimated to take 24 to 32 months to complete the window repairs. (Every window pane will be removed including the iron structure, taken away from site and then returned for reinstatement)

**Masonry repairs** – removal of deteriorating sandstone and replacement in all the areas requiring it, some of them urgent. This work is expected to take four months.

### Stage 2 – Adoption of the Organ

- Section of pipe
- Organ key
- Organ stopper

Some of the pipes have holes in them, distorting the sound. Some of the keys no longer work. The parts that are broken are the replaced bits mended in the 1950s.

We propose to put a camera and lighting into the interior of the organ and will put on organ recitals which include projection of the workings of the organ and lighting to engage the public with the beauty and technical history of a working organ.

The last time this organ was played was two years ago; let it not be the last time.

**History** - This building sits on the site of an earlier Congregational church which was built in 1857. Parts of that structure are still in existence and viewable. In the 1950's it seated 1000 people at time and people attending the morning service were not allowed to return for the evening service.

**Designed by local architect** – Henry Ward A.R.I.B.A. 1854 – 1927 (Who also designed – Debenham (Hastings), Town Hall, Observer building. He also designed Bexhill Town Hall.

**Built by** - John Howell & Son. It was mainly built in 1884 to 1885 but completed in the 1890's

Opportunity will be available to help collate the history and record the artefacts associated with this social history. Want to help? Call 07944166351 or email [hisplaceheritage@gmail.com](mailto:hisplaceheritage@gmail.com).

# ADOPT a section of history

His Place



Pews



Stone Masonry



Stained Glass Window

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We are offering you the unique opportunity to help us raise funds by adopting a section of item and become part of our story yourself. We are a small independent charity, and this is the first and will be the last time we ask the general public for support as we pride ourselves on being self-sufficient and providing services that are accessible to the wider community.

## Your adoption brings you:

- A digital adoption certificate including an image of what you have adopted
- If you wish for a dedication you can also have your name & that of a person you are remembering put onto your certificate.
- You also receive invite to open days and to celebration community concert to celebrate the saving of this building when works are completed.
- His Place Loyalty Card providing 40% off against food purchases in our café.
- All adopters / sponsors have the option of being credited on our website also on DVD and in the history book once work is completed if you wish. Companies can have Logo's added.
- Donations over £200 provides you with a printed certificate and a £15 gift voucher for Opus Theatre
- Donations over £500 your name will be added to a plaque that will be situated in the Cambridge Road entrance hall also 4 x £15 gift voucher for Opus Theatre.

## Contact permission:

His Place would like to invite you to receive updates on our progress if you would like to receive these quarterly please sign the option on the sponsor form.

## Data Protection:

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## Adoption Costs

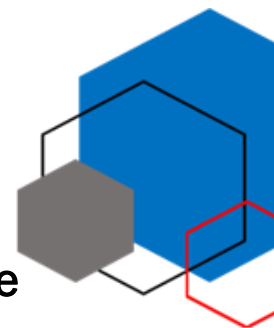
<b>Masonry Gift amount:</b>	Starting at £5, £10, £20, £50, £100, Other
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<b>Decorative Stained-Glass Window:</b>	Sections starting at £50
<b>Simple Stained-Glass Window:</b>	Sections starting at £10, £20, £50,

**Are you a tax payer?** Your donation can increase at no extra cost to you through Gift Aid System. His Place can claim back 25p every time an individual donates £1 to our charity for this project. It doesn't cost you any extra as it comes from the Government.

**Gift Aid eligibility:** The donor must have paid the same amount or more in Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in that tax year you must make a Gift Aid declaration that gives permission to His Place to claim the extra 25p per £ from the Tax system.

# Adoption Form

Saving Robertson Street Former Congregational / URC Church



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<b>Application and payment details</b> (Please use <b>BLOCK</b> capitals)		<b>Tick here if you would like acknowledgment of your support</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Name</b>		<b>Adoption Item choice</b> Pew, Masonry, Stained Glass
<b>Address / Email / Tel</b>	(Optional if not gift aiding or wanting reply or to keep in touch)	<b>I would like to adopt:</b> _____
<b>Payment</b>	<b>Cheque:</b> payable to <b>His Place</b> and returned to: <i>His Place Hastings, Robertson Street, Hastings, East Sussex TN34 1HL</i>	<b>My donation for adoption is:</b> £ _____
	<b>Direct Transfer:</b> please email hisplaceheritage@gmail.com to request bank details	<b>I would like to be credited in the book, website, dvd</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to: **His Place** (1054331)

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

**My Details** Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- or stop paying income tax