

[ST JOHN'S METHODIST CHURCH, ASHBROOKE,  
SUNDERLAND SR2 7HQ](#)



Registered charity number 1134964

Our Church is a beautiful Grade II\* listed building serving the community in the leafy Ashbrooke suburb of the city, which is in a Conservation area, so everything must be maintained to its original standard.

The tower and spire at 148 feet high are the tallest in Sunderland and can be visible from many points of the city, and when the Red Arrows visit the city they use the spire as a navigation point!

The church was built in 1888, at a cost of £14,500, and sadly, though probably not surprisingly, a recent inspection of the building showed that it was showing its age, and in fact in some areas there was actually a danger of the stone crumbling and falling.

We have been fund raising and applying for grants - because of the age and the Grade II\* listing of the building, repair work is very specialist and expensive! You will have noticed the work and the scaffolding up around the building, and we have been unable to use the front door.

There is still work to be done, and fund raising from all directions is ongoing to enable the building to be fully restored.

We are delighted to acknowledge the help we have received in the way of grants from **National Churches Trust**, £2,000, and another £10,000 from **The Wolfson Foundation**, which have enabled us to start work on emergency stonework repairs to the South Porch cross and finial and the south west Nave pinnacle and cross to the west end of the Nave. This has also enabled us to be able to open the main Church access door again.  
**Thank you!**

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