

## NEW CHURCH HOUSE – 1970

Speech made at the announcement of a new Church House as a gift to the Church by an anonymous donor

What we have heard this evening will bring to pass something I have dreamed of for many years, the possibility of having on the one campus our place for worship and or place for our Church fellowship. We are indeed fortunate in having the offer of this magnificent gift and have much to thank God for. If this wonderful offer is accepted, and I sincerely hope it is, on the conditions set out, so many of our present worries will disappear and we shall have wonderful opportunities to strengthen and enlarge our Church Fellowship, in this place.

This new building will be used by Church Organisations only – members of which will be members of our Church and will worship with us in one of our three Churches. No rents will be charged. The cost of running this new building will be a legitimate charge on our Church Funds. We shall not lose by this, but gain enormously as such a place as this will so strengthen our activities and fellowship that the indirect gain will be considerable.



Photos taken in 2000

The cost of maintaining such a building such as this will be considerably less than what the present Church House costs.

It will be a joy to attend Church Meetings in such a building as this and in such pleasant surroundings.

It is a wonderful gift and no words of mine can express our thanks and gratitude to the anonymous donor who made possible this attractive and splendid building where we can enjoy and enlarge our Church Fellowship.

This new building, will be most pleasing to look at, whether from the Canterbury Road, from the Church or from Kent Gardens, and most functional as well. It has been so designed to be eminently suitable for our purposes. We shall have a lovely large room for our Annual Church meetings, our meetings of the P.C.C./ our Bazaars etc, with a movable platform which can be stored away in the store-room or even put in the centre of the hall, a kitchen with a serving hatch, a well-furnished Committee Room and above all an office where the Clergy can see Parishioners. What more can we wish for? We have so much to be thankful for.

[The donor was Stanley Slade]

