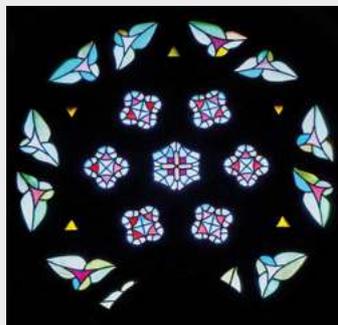


Tranquil Spaces

with Purpose



What could you achieve if offered the use of a space like this?

The Offer

Nestling in beautiful countryside, on the Norfolk / Suffolk border, next to the small village of Ditchingham and near the historic town of Bungay, is the home of the All Hallows Community. The Sisters have already released their former school to become the home of the successful Belsey Bridge Conference Centre. The main part of the Convent buildings has, more recently, been leased to Emmaus Norfolk & Waveney, offering a home and meaningful work to homeless people.

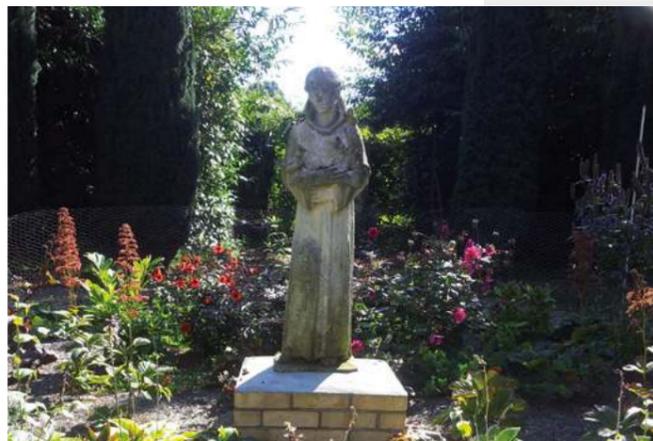
As the Sisters move to become a dispersed community, they now wish to offer the remaining nine acres and buildings of this site to a new user and so ensure a ministry of compassion and care continues here.



The Proposition

Is your organisation looking for a site to develop its work? Are you part of an intentional community that is looking for a place to root itself? Do you have a dream or vision that this site could help make a reality? Might your vision for the site connect with the work of the Emmaus Community or the conference centre? How might this site be used to support the work of the Church and help grow God's Kingdom?

If you would like to register an interest in being considered as a possible future occupier of this site then contact Canon Andy Bryant via canon.missionandpastoral@cathedral.org.uk who is supporting the Sisters as they move into this new chapter of their Community's life.



Our History



The Community of All Hallows, rooted in a vowed life, centred on the rhythm of the Daily Eucharist and Offices, has sought to give expression to a vision of the Kingdom of God on earth by service to those in need.

It began in 1854 with the care of prostitutes and vulnerable girls from Norwich and surrounding parishes across Norfolk and Suffolk. A school was opened for orphaned girls in 1862 which then evolved into a fee-paying boarding school in the early 20th century. In 1872, a small cottage hospital was established with initial focus on serving the poor. By the 1930's, focus had shifted onto maternity services and after the 1960s, care for the terminally ill. In the 1990s the Community also started running a nursing home.

In its heyday, the Community numbered some forty sisters and work was both in Ditchingham and Norwich. Whilst retaining the freehold of their buildings, gradually the different sites have been handed over to other organisations who, in their own way, are able to continue the original vision of the Community. The All Hallows Health Care Trust now runs the hospital and the nursing home. The former school buildings are run as a conference centre by the Christian Conference Trust and the main part of the convent building is now used by the Emmaus Community.

Each of the above is open to working in partnership with the new users of the remaining part of the site. Throughout its history the work of the Community has changed and evolved. The Sisters now want the site to find a new use but still in the service of God and those in need.

As the Community's founder Mother Lavinia put it "There is a Rock under the foundations of our life which shifting circumstances do not affect."

For further information or to register an interest in the future of this site, please contact Canon Andy Bryant via canon.missionandpastoral@cathedral.org.uk



1 St Michael's House

This attractive red brick building was the original Convent, but became a retreat house when the Community grew. It is once again the home of the Community. There are community rooms downstairs with bedroom accommodation on the upper two floors along with an attractive Chapel at the upper level.

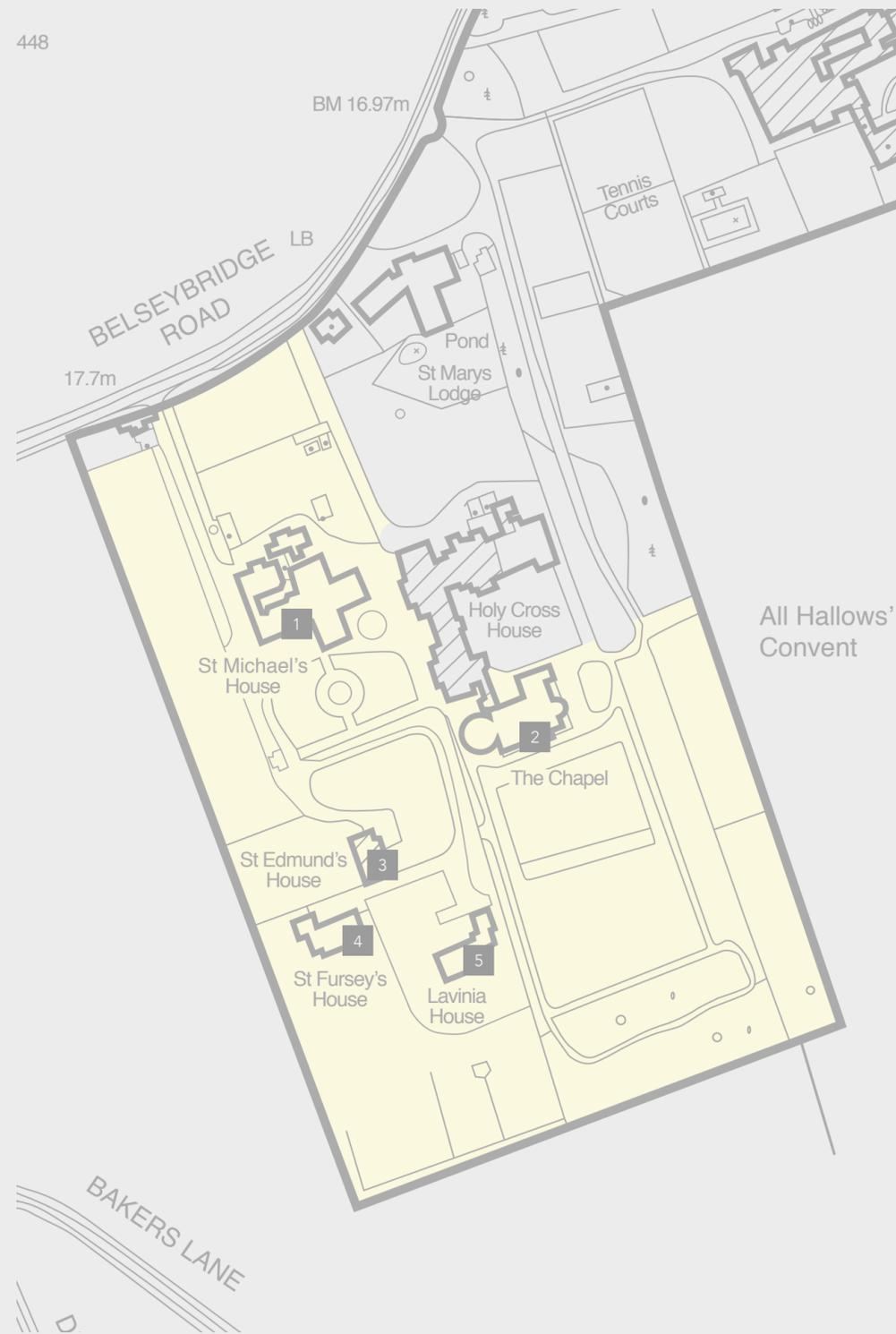
If the future user of this site required additional accommodation for events or courses, conversation could be held with the Belsey Bridge Conference Centre.

St Michael's House, in common with all the buildings being made available, is open to being re-purposed and converted to reflect the accommodation needs of a new intention for the site. The planners have indicated that they hope the future use would be in keeping with the site's present use and are open to some development that would enhance this.



2 The Chapel

Throughout the lifetime of the Convent this has been the worshipping heart of the Community. Whilst it is hoped it will continue as a Chapel, it is large enough to enable multiple uses and has a suite of rooms attached which have been used for meetings and counselling in the past.



3 St Edmund's & St Fursey's Houses

These two four-bedroomed houses were until recently used by the two chaplains to the Community. They could continue to be used for accommodation or put to other creative use. Alternatively, the Sisters would be willing to rent them out to bring in an income for the All Hallows Community, depending on what best suits the needs of the new users of the site.



5 Lavinia House

Offering a secluded location within the larger site, Lavinia House is a modern, purpose-built small retreat house. Recently refurbished, there are three communal rooms, a kitchen, seven bedrooms and a self-contained flat for those seeking a solitary retreat. Its peaceful setting has made it a popular place for those seeking time away or visiting the Community. It could continue to be run as a retreat house or adapted to a new use.



The Gardens

From great seas of snowdrops in spring to a productive walled kitchen garden, the grounds are part of what makes this whole site such a tranquil space. They can be enjoyed as they are but there is scope to enhance the gardens into a place to wander and relax or to be used for more self-sufficiency.