

# Emmanuel Church

## Sutton Coldfield Case Study

### Overview

ENGIE is carrying out responsive repairs, maintenance and refurbishments to approximately 9,000 homes in Kingstanding, Sutton Coldfield and Erdington areas of Birmingham, on behalf of Birmingham City Council. As part of the work, ENGIE gives back to the local community by donating labour and materials towards community projects and supports local agencies and charities.

ENGIE was approached by Hall Managers Bill and Naomi from Emmanuel Church, in Sutton Coldfield, who needed help with restoring the foyer of the church.

The church had been experiencing problems with the roof, which consequently brought damp to the ceilings of the foyer. Although the roof problems were resolved, the church funds were unable to meet the costs of the foyer restoration - an integral part of the church and a meeting point for the local congregation and visitors of the church hall.

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Partners: **Birmingham City Council**

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Location: **Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham**

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Value: **£17million per annum**

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Date: **19th to 21st February 2019**

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The church hall is hired out by community groups, professionals and charities including Focus for the Blind, the St. Mary's quiz nights group, Evergreens - a group that supports those who are bereaved or lonely and a group that provides dance classes for children, adults and older people.

ENGIE painters Ashley Thompson and Chris Jones from the voids team, heard about the project and were keen to support it. They were granted volunteering hours to complete the project, by their manager Lee Overthrow.

## Key Features

- Community cohesion
- Partnership working

ENGIE was delighted to get involved with the church foyer refurbishment as the hall is hired out to agencies which support a diverse community. Earnings from the room hire will be put back into the upkeep of the hall, to enable the agencies to continue providing their services.

ENGIE donated the labour of two men, for two and a half days and asked local material suppliers Travis Perkins and Paint 360 to donate the paint.

***"Thank you so much for the work done to Emmanuel Church foyer. It now looks fresh, bright, welcoming and practically new. Your two painters were efficient, friendly, accommodating, and left no mess. It is a good thing for a large company and their partners, to support local communities with time, resources, materials and costs. This must have been a small project for you but it has made a big impact on the church community and the many diverse users of the hall."***

Mr and Mrs Dennis  
Church Hall Managers  
Emmanuel Church

***"We were delighted to donate our recycled paint to ENGIE and to support such a worthwhile project, in conjunction with Travis Perkins. Supporting young people is one of the core principles to our business and it is good to see our products bringing a new lease of life to a community hub at a historical landmark within our city"***

Sara Stimpson Cole  
Marketing and Operations Director  
Paint 360

***"Travis Perkins is a large national organisation but operates on a local level, building relationships with not just our customer base but also with the local communities. Whilst we cannot answer all calls for help, we are always happy to help where we can. Personally, I believe that it is important to help our local communities as that is where we live and work"***

Mark Walters  
Project Manager  
Travis Perkins



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