



St Andrews Starbeck

"building for the future"

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Welcome to the re vamped edition of the Building Progress Newsletter. The new corporate image that is on this newsletter, on the PowerPoint presentations made in Church at the beginning of March and all letters sent to funders will reflect this so we can put across that this is a professional and well organized project. The project now has a name. It is The **StArbeck Welcome Project – building for the Future**. Not a catchy zingy title but it says what it does on the can (to paraphrase a well known advertisement!). This is not the name of the café/welcome area extension as that can be decided later.

March 21st was Gift Day where the congregations from both services were encouraged to donate, pledge, commit to regular giving, or loan funds to the project. The response on the day was a very healthy £43,557.00 (including gift aid)**. This on top of the £ 18000 already separately pledged by members of the PCC and £7000 in the fund already brings the congregational giving total up to £ 68000 approx to spend on future plans, building regulations and surveys. This is a truly fantastic start and can only get even better as people who have not yet responded reply, and there are some people who have replied to say their donation is still pending.

Letters have started to be sent to lots of major Business' and local charitable organisations and we have already received a most generous gift of £2000.00 from The Harry Bolland Trust. Offers of help from Taylors of Harrogate have been received, and we are awaiting several more replies. We are also starting to make applications to local land fill sites as there is a Government initiative that allows local community activities to apply for funds from these sources. The application forms are 40 pages in length and require matched or 3rd party funding as well (showing other people's commitment to the project – we now have this thanks to the response from Gift Day), but progress is being made in this area as well.

The response to the book sale on the 13th March was a fantastic £350. Thanks to all who organised it, ran it and those who bought or brought books. Other events are planned (eg a Jazz Evening on 13 November.)

And finally to keep you up to date on other areas of the project

- Architect's plans should still be available by the end of April/beginning of May. This will allow us to apply for planning permission for the project from Harrogate Council and The Church of England (DAC)
- Alterations of plans include repositioning of toilets in Narthex area to be adjacent to the new disability access toilet by the present entrance into worship area, and toilets in new extension to be moved further down towards rear of extension. Also more access from new extension into worship area and new disability access into lady chapel. A computer designed image of the new entrance is also being worked on in order to show us all how the new extension will look.
- Current issues that are being looked at are the size of the musicians' area at the front of the worship area, possible zoning of heating to allow more use of individual areas and less wastage of heat and storage areas in church for the groups that use it and for general church equipment.

And finally, finally don't forget to hand in your pledge forms. Even if your form says "I am unable to give at the moment" or "I am unable to give at all" that will allow us to get near to the 100% response from the church family that we are looking for. Don't forget to gift aid "one off" gifts and if you still have a response to Gift Day (spare forms at the back of Church) these can be placed in the Building Gifts box at the back.

** this assumes gift aid at 28p in the pound for those people who have indicated their donation or pledge is eligible for gift aid. Unfortunately, in mid 2011 the Inland Revenue rules will change and the gift aid repayment will drop to 25p in the pound