

St Andrews Building Project Aug 09

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The Brief

- Worship Area for 200-300 people
- Large gathering / Narthex area
- New toilets and kitchen in Church
- Large and improved entrance from the High Street
- Link Church and Halls (deferred)
- More meeting areas in Halls (deferred but will be addressed)

Upcoming decisions

- Disposal of the Organ – creating space.
- Possible sale of Church houses - to help funding.

This is the first of many newsletters. Volunteer for this needed please.

“The PCC recommends that the church implement Phases 1 & 2 of the Architect’s plans. The PCC now asks the church to stand with us as we prepare to go down this path. Our intention over the next three months is to provide as much information to the congregation and community as possible. We value as much feedback as possible.”

The Prayer team have had the following verses given to them; Joshua 5: 13 - 15, Numbers 9, 1 Corinthians 12: 7 - 9 and Exodus 35

We have already been in touch with a fundraiser to find out not only the best ways of raising funds from our congregation but also how to apply for grants and how to do so successfully.

Talk to us – find out more – express your views to the P.C.C. Francis Wainaina, Mike Langford, Steve Howell, Angela Sharratt, Kathryn Watson, Mick Leach, Andy Rider, Elaine Timmis, Sam Ainsworth, Paul Easby, Lesley & David Titchmarsh, Jane Crawford, Alison Nicholson, David Leonard, Hannah Wilkinson, Peter Miles, Licy Dorsey, Steve Smith. P.C.C. members since 2005 & co opted namely Nick Wheeler, Chris Watson, Nick Blackwood, Richard Hall, Elaine Smith.

Decisions made by The P. C. C. over the past 3 years.

- The Vision for St Andrews Church in the community
- Compiling a plan and putting it in order
- Compiling results from Church family and community
- Choice of Architect from 10 approached
- Refining of initial plans
- Choice of Quantity Surveyor and his brief
- Liaising with DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee)
- Presenting to the Church family at the APCM
- Deciding on a course of Action

Why we are only doing stage 1 and 2 and not stage 3 at present?

- * The Halls are possibly D.D.A. compliant - (no raised parts and already have a disabled access toilet) – see D.D.A bottom left.
- * There is no new Business Plan for the Halls – so much more could be done with them (e.g. re-building 2 new Halls directly attached to the back of the Church, new Car Parking. This could then be used for the benefit of the Starbeck community and attract more people to the area to shop, to have Conferences, or sit exams
- * It reduces the amount needing to be raised to £500,000 (plus a little for cosmetics) and this may be a more palatable and achievable amount. When we raise money for the Halls it may be for different use than the Church and there may be different sources of funding.

Plans are on display in Church

**Mon 21 Sept @ 7.45 pm
next whole church meeting**

The Disability Discrimination Act requires us to make alterations to the Church buildings to make access for disabled people and parents with young children much easier. At St Andrews we want to do more than just what is necessary. This is a priority and must be done soon .

How you can help?? We need to find a Project Manager for the whole enterprise and we need to form Teams by November to help with refining the fine detail of the Project, applying for Grants, organising Gift Days, loans, pledges or legacies, organising Fund Raising Events and joining the Prayer Team. **Do not worry-you will not be on your own.** Already some people have come forward. You will have something to offer so do make yourself known to anyone on the P.C.C., a Church Warden, Francis or Mike Langford – we need you! be a part of this.