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St Andrews Starbeck

"building for the future"

Welcome to the bi monthly update on our building project. Our aim is to keep you informed of progress – do not worry that there is no building work going on at the moment. There is always lots happening in the background! In early January we were advised to withdraw the planning application as all the reports from the various architectural bodies (like English Heritage etc) had not been received and Harrogate planning would have refused the application as it stood. Listening to these bodies and acting on their opinions is an important part of the planning process.

It is no extra cost to re submit the application and all reports have now been received. All are in favour with what we are trying to do, but they all disagree with the demolition of some of the structure of St Andrews as it a classic example of Austin and Paley Architecture whose main feature was citadel-like buildings. Objections raised were about a New West Window, alterations to the North Porch, a new Narthex obscuring views of The West Window, making the windows on the South Wall into doors, destruction of part of the South Porch, roof line of new porch and how it's the prominence of the new entrance detracted from the view of the Church. Quite a lot of objections but not insurmountable. The Building Working Group had a meeting with the architect and...

- We decided the way forward was to decide what was necessary to what we wanted to achieve and compromise on what was not necessary.
- We decided a window under the stained glass window on the west wall was not necessary to us achieving our objectives
- Alteration to the North Porch is not necessary to what we want to achieve
- We need to enlarge the size of the Narthex in order to achieve our larger meeting space and the ability to join the 2 spaces together for large worship services and big events. A long conversation took place about the size, fabric and structure of the glass screen that will separate the 2 areas. We decided it must be of good quality, completely transparent and as sound proof as possible and have a small door in it.
- We have to knock down part of the south porch in order to have a catering area that can serve both the church building and the extension.
- We need to make all 3 openings in the south wall into doorways to help with traffic flow between the extension and the church building.

New plans have now been drawn up and submitted both to DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) and Harrogate Planning Department for their comments on the compromises we have made. The meetings of both these bodies will be in the early part of March and we are hopeful they will be in favour of the changes. The new boiler system is up for tender at the moment and is due to be installed over the next few months subject to receiving competitive quotations.

Donations are coming in by Standing order from those who have made pledges. If you are new to the church family and would like to start contributing to this ongoing project please see the building plans table at the back of church where there is more information and envelopes for donations. Once the plans are approved and budget costings arrived at we can start applying to outside agencies for finance but do remember that most of it will have to come from our own pockets! There is a regularly updated building fund summary at

www.andysonline.org/pav/buildingproject/documents/building-fund-summary.pdf

Prayer for the project is all important as well. There is almost always an hour of prayer from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on Thursday in the lady Chapel. Do come along, but remember prayers at home are equally valid so please pray and pray again for the issues that have been raised.

Remember all comments are welcome and valued. If you have any concerns or you want to chat over something or opinions that you would like us to take notice of the members of the Building Committee are Adam Hawkes, Mike Langford, Peter Miles, Maurice Pinder, Nick Wheeler. Malcolm Price, Alex Mellor, Mark Cudworth, Caroline Walker & Richard Darley. We meet once every month in order to review and plan ahead.

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