



St Andrews Starbeck

"building for the future"

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Welcome to the bi monthly newsletter by which we do hope can keep the whole church informed as to the progress that is being made.

Thanks to a very generous grant of £7000.00 from the All Churches Trust, the amount of money now given or pledged for the project is £99,141. Some of this is in the form of pledges, promises and standing orders that we have not yet received; and this sum includes the gift-aid we shall be able to claim in due course. However, we have more than enough cash in hand to pay for plans and building regulations.

The Thursday Prayer evening for the building project is the Rock of this project. Alison Nicolson and others meet between 6.30 and 7.30 every Thursday evening, so do take try to pop along and join in this informal ministry time. It is this ministry that is allowing us to proceed. A good reminder is Psalm 127 verse 1 **"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain"**.

The plans for planning permission have now been provided by the architects and were ready on time as advertised in the time line for the project. However new information and ideas about the new church entrance (making it more visible, and making more of a statement) and about the roof of the new extension (making it have a better appearance and allowing more light in) have been suggested which are worth investigating. Some ideas may be impractical and some cost too much, but the opportunity to look into it is still there so the buildings group would like to pursue a few more ideas. We hope updated plans from the architects will be available in 2 months time (July, when the next PCC meet) so there will not be excessive slippage in the time line. You can download the latest plans from www.peter.andysonline.org/buildingproject

Richard Darley has now joined the Building works committee. He has vast experience from the world of building design and brings a visionary approach to the project.

Literature is being prepared to go out to the community as soon as the amended plans are available. It is important that we can tell the community what we are doing now and what we plan to do in the future. This may be in the form of dispensers in shops and leaflets in the public library and will include information on holiday clubs, lunches, youth work, "family spot" etc.

We are preparing grant applications to recycling centres and the National lottery (having made the decision announced in church that we will accept money from all charities and sources of funding and use it for the glory of God and to extend His Kingdom). However these grants need to be accompanied by planning permission, full accounts and tenders for individual items in the project (e.g. the sliding door, or the toilets or items in the kitchen) so we are waiting to make these applications when more information is available for the application.

Making St Andrews and the church community more visible in the area now will help us in the future. Do remember to sign up for the Love Starbeck project on 19 June. It's important.

A lot of the ideas from the "Everybody Welcome" feedback after the Lent course will be integrated into the building (the welcome, lack of clutter, signage etc) so we are encouraged that this project fits in with the church outreach plans and the opinions of our congregation.

The next fundraising project planned for our Church Family and our guests is the Jazz Evening on 13 November. Remember to keep this date free for a really original fun packed evening of Jazz, eats, socialising and togetherness.

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

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