



St Andrews Starbeck

"building for the future"

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Welcome to the bi monthly newsletter with which we do hope to keep the whole church informed as to the progress that is being made on the building project and invite discussion and ideas.

Planning

Plans have been finalised now and submitted to the DAC (Church of England body that oversees alterations to buildings) and they met on the 6th of September to look at our ideas. The plans have also been prepared for submission to Harrogate Planning department but at the time of writing we are awaiting a report from a Bat surveyor. Harrogate planning will not even register the application until one is done (as bats are a protected species) The survey has been done and initial reports are that there are no bats but further tests have to be done.

Finance

As explained in the July Newsletter the project cost has increased to £ 625000 (from £ 500000) as we had to design a new roof and new entrance to fit in with access, light and structure problems that had been identified by DAC (see earlier description of DAC). This is made of the best materials in line with the legacy that we want to leave to future generations and will be re costed

We have now paid for stages C and D of the building works (drawings up to planning application level) the bat survey, ground survey, planning application fees (as well as the earlier feasibility study.) This is all in line with the building costs as budgeted so do not be disappointed that you cannot see any work going on yet. There are still a few more stages to go through so no building work will start until the middle/end of next year at the earliest. Again this is in line with earlier projections. However there may be delays as the PCC need to be prudent with re examining and reviewing at each stage. Again this is because we must get it right.

We have plenty of cash and pledges to push forward with the plans, building regulations, surveys and fees. However the amount we have at the moment is only £ 105000. This is not to say the church family has not been generous because that amount alone is a fantastic amount and the treasurer is humbled by the sacrificial giving already undertaken. However despite the fact that we are applying to as many funds as possible and completing many grant application forms a project like this would normally ask for 70 -90% to come from the congregation. We may start looking at raising more money from activities and if you feel you would like to help organise a major event please contact us (below).

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.

Narthex ministry

On Tuesday 7th an open evening was held in the Narthex to look for volunteers to help in a New Narthex ministry every morning. Alison Nicholson and Hazel Pinder have some great ideas and a real gift for organising teams that will share the ministry but they need more volunteers. Once or twice a month would be great or even a regular time every week. This is more important than the building project itself as the project is all about resourcing these ministries so we really do need people to come forward please to help out. See Alison or Hazel – they would love to hear from you.

Prayer

Prayer for the project is all important as well. There is almost always an hour 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

Finally

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 & Richard Darley. We meet once every month in order to review and plan ahead.

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