

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING

Helping Hands Needed!

We have started our fundraising! So we need you to lend a hand and put your hand up to help us.

HANDS UP HARVEST! on **SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2011** from 7pm in **THE CHURCH HALL** will be our first main event - Tickets available shortly look out for more info

A delicious three course Celebration Dinner, with a drink on arrival, a glass of wine and coffee followed by an Auction of the promises, talents and donations we have received. To make this first event successful we need you and your guests to be there, and for people to put their hands up to bid for the lots that have been donated.

At Harvest time we give thanks primarily for the successful growing season but it is also a time to recognise all the things we have and should be grateful for, particularly food, clothing and our homes. What better time could there be for us to 'harvest' our talents and fundraise at the same time? We all have something we can give or do, or maybe we know someone with particular skills who could offer something special that people would want to bid for.

Here are some examples of what we have already been promised:

A studio photographic session

A three course meal including wine, for up to six people, cooked in your own home by 2 people with considerable experience in the hospitality business

A Garden Consultation from an expert horticulturalist

A celebration cake commissioned by you, for a birthday or other special occasion

So you get the idea.....it's something special that someone can donate that can be bid for to raise lots of money, what can you put your hand up for, do or give?

Or can you help with the planning or setting up of the event, all welcome, please let me know.

GRANTS - Sheila Gill is investigating these and all opportunities are being explored with possibilities being identified; this is quite a long process because each grant giving organisation has to be investigated thoroughly and the application criteria and paperwork checked carefully, we will have a short list in due course.

PRODUCTS

We are planning to design items that we can sell in aid of the Building Development. As we are now in August, may I be the first one to mention the 'Christmas' word! We aim to have a number of products ready by the Advent Fayre, so make sure you leave enough space on your shopping list for:

Mugs, tea towels, fridge magnets, pens etc - we are planning for the younger members of the church to help us with the design stage of the process; these items will be in limited editions.

Cookbooks - Ruth and Dave Fowler will be working on our first in a series starting with 'Super Soups'; we are using as a basis the Lent soup recipes some of you provided previously which haven't been used, but we need more so please send in or give us your favourites.

Calendar - Anna-Marie Malcolm is organising a calendar with a difference, more about that later.....If you have any other ideas do please let us know.

COFFEE MORNINGS: Dave and Ruth Fowler's coffee mornings usually on the 2nd Friday of each month in Church are going really well, so please continue to give them your support.

Donating by text message - CCWC11

Vodafone has set up a new service which allows any charity in the UK to raise funds via a text message service - JustTextGiving, and it is what big fundraising events eg Comic Relief and Children in Need already use.

The service is completely free, no sign up fee, no costs for managing the account or for people making donations. Donations are made using a simple text message from any network, amounts for £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10 can be donated using our unique code, which is CCWC11. You will shortly be seeing the code appearing at every opportunity where we might be able to get people to donate. We receive donations directly into our bank account on a monthly basis. You can register your Gift Aid so that 25% extra will automatically be added to your donation.

It is all up and running, it has been tested, and this is all you do:

- 1 Key in a text using our Unique Code CCWC11 followed by the amount you wish to donate, with £10 as an example, it would be CCWC11 10
- 2 Send the text to phone number 70070
- 3 Receive a text thanking you for your donation

It's as simple as that so why not give it a try?

Please speak to me or contact me if you have any ideas for raising funds, or if you are considering your own activity. Remember - EVERY PENNY COUNTS!

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