



BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING - update

Our fundraising will be launched officially on Saturday 15th October at our Hands Up Harvest event, but this will be just the start of a journey we will need to take together, if we want to see the long overdue changes to the Church actually happen. The Building Development Group will be obtaining costs for each stage of the building work, and only when we have the funds for each of these stages will work start. So we have lots to do if we want to make a difference. In the meantime, different aspects of the fundraising for the church development will need to progress, how can you help?

IT'S ALL ABOUT HANDS! You will have noticed that hands figure quite prominently in our fundraising to date; this was inspired by the Junior Church's coloured hands collage for Pentecost. Everything we do for others involves 'lending a hand' or 'giving a hand' and our fundraising campaign is no different.

MANY HANDS - You will know that our young people in Junior Church are busy designing a tea towel which will be a limited edition! This is one of the products we intend to sell at the Advent Fayre and all of these will be unveiled in Church on the Sunday before, 20th November.

CCWC11? Have you spotted the banner outside the Church? If you haven't then take a look -we have now announced to everyone our intention to develop the Church building - so we had better get going! Since last month £5 has been added to our JustTextGiving account. Remember you can donate £1, £2, £3, £4, £5, or £10 directly sending a text via your mobile phone. For example, if you are donating £5 the text message would be CCWC11 £5 and you send it to phone number 70070. All donations will receive a thank you text reply from Christ Church Portsdown. We are keen to make sure that our fundraising is accessible to all, and this text service allows small donations to be given as and when people can. What can you buy for a £1? or what could you miss out on this week, a bar of chocolate, a bunch of flowers, a cappuccino? So go on and give it a try! Need a hand? Just ask one of the Building Development Group to help you.



PEWS - the sale of pews is gathering momentum, you will start to notice gaps

appearing in the north aisle as they are taken away; thank you so much to everyone who has bought or is buying one.

HANDS UP HARVEST - If you haven't put your hand up yet, now is the time!

Saturday 15th October 2011, 7.00 for 7.30pm in The Church Hall



AUCTION OF PROMISES - a really big thank you to those of you that have made promises for our Auction - some of you have interests and skills I knew nothing about, thank you for sharing them with us. God bless you. A provisional list of auction lots is included with this magazine, a final brochure is being produced, and will be available week commencing 2nd October . If you can't be at the event but would like to contribute, you can bid for one of the lots using the form, in this magazine or at the back of the church, or you might like to donate the price of a ticket.

BIDDING AT THE AUCTION (or in advance) anyone who successfully bids at the Auction will be expected to pay the amount that they have bid either on the night or as soon as possible afterwards (in the case of those not attending). My thanks to Richard Hutchins who has kindly agreed to be the Auctioneer for the evening, I am sure he will keep us all in order!

DINNER - we are having a four course dinner, with a drink on arrival, a glass of wine and coffee and mints and all for £25! So make sure you book your tickets now



MENU



Starter Breaded King prawns *and* Vegetable Spring roll

Main/Buffer Salmon, Roast Beef, Honey Roast Ham *and* Chicken drumsticks
Selection of salads, pasta, rice, cous cous, coleslaw, potato

A Trio of Desserts Strawberry and clotted cream vol au vent,
Mini chocolate éclairs, Lemon and Lime cheesecake.

A Selection of Cheese and Biscuits

DRINKS - as you know we don't have a licence for the Church Hall, so if you want any drinks other than those provided please bring them with you.

HELPERS NEEDED! We will need help with setting up for the event, ensuring it runs smoothly and clearing away afterwards, if you can give us a hand with any of this please sign the sheet at the back of the Church.

We have always said that our fundraising should be enjoyable as well as productive, so come on let's get together, have a great evening and enjoy raising funds!

GRANTS - we don't need anyone to tell us times are difficult, some of us have been made redundant, some are on fixed incomes and others are seeing their investment income plummet. So it should come as no surprise that funding for the Church improvements through grants will be difficult. We have already been declined by one of the main Trusts, on the basis that we are not in an area of deprivation, despite the fact that many of us are finding current times difficult. What this means is, that although we will continue to apply for any grant for which we think we may be eligible, it seems unlikely that large grants are going to be readily available. So this means raising money in other ways.



BEQUESTS OR IN MEMORY OF - we all have times in our lives when we lose someone precious to us and it's a tough time for everyone involved; it isn't a good time for families to have to make decisions, so when you make your will please think about leaving a bequest to the Church, or perhaps consider making a donation in lieu of flowers.

DONATIONS for the Building Development can be made at any time, for any amount, please speak to the Vicar or myself. Please don't forget to talk to me or get in touch if you have any ideas for raising funds, or if you are considering your own activity.

Remember - **Every** penny counts and **Every** penny is valued!

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