

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING - Launched!



HANDS UP HARVEST!! - Our fundraising was well and truly launched at the event on Saturday 15th October. It was a truly memorable evening and we certainly put the fun into fundraising! The transformation of the Church Hall took some of those attending by surprise, and we all enjoyed a super four course meal prepared for us

by Paul and Tanya, who were absolute stars. With dinner over, Richard Hutchins got us organised and led the auction with authority and persuasion! We were delighted with the bids received both on the night and in advance, and some went for amazing prices. If you bought a lot at the auction, it would be really interesting if you could feedback your experiences to us.



We estimate that the final amount raised from the event may just reach £3,000, which includes donations from people unable to be there, or those who made donations because they were unsuccessful with auction bids. What a fantastic start!

A BIG THANK YOU!

- to everyone who: donated items for use on the night - bought tickets and attended - donated lots for the auction - bought lots at the auction - gave donations - helped to prepare and clear away - gave their moral support - prayed for our success
- In particular, we would like to thank the following businesses for their contributions:

Simon Chadwick, Ceratopia - donation of all artwork

The One Stop Party Shop, Widley - donation of table balloon decorations

Jongor (Hants and Dorset) Ltd, Portsmouth - discounted equipment hire

- Our thanks also to the following businesses for donating lots for the auction:

Caroline Robertson, Phoenix Cards; Goodwood Race Course; Hair Ott,

Waterlooville; Horizon Leisure Centre, Havant; Karina Gollidge Hairdressing;

Keith Malcolm Photography; Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth; Odeon Cinema,

Port Solent; Tracy Scarth, Podiatrist.

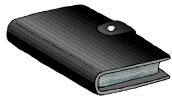
As the evening was such a success, the Building Development Group has decided to hold a similar event on an annual basis, so look out for the date for 2012, which will be announced shortly.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS - don't forget - fundraising items will be available and on sale at the Advent Fayre on 26th November, so please don't do all your Christmas shopping before then! The soup cook book, the calendar

and the Junior Church tea towel will be among the products which will be on sale.

HAVE YOU TRIED CCWC11 YET? Since we set up the Just Text Giving account in July, £50 has been donated. Don't forget you can donate £1, £2, £3, £4, £5, or £10 directly by sending a text via your mobile phone. If you want to donate £5 the text message is CCWC11 £5 and you send it to phone number 70070.



FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES - we all know that our fundraising is a long term project, and so we need to approach it in a planned way. We are currently planning for 2012, and we will let you know as soon as we can so you can diary the dates. We are aiming for a variety of events so that we can appeal to as many people as possible.

MORE HANDS NEEDED - as the number of events and activities increase we will need some more volunteers to join the fundraising team, which currently comprises, Dave Fowler, Ruth Fowler, Sheila Gill, Anna-Marie Malcolm and myself; we are all already busy with different fundraising activities, so if you would like to give us a hand, please let me know.



FAITH PROMISE - our fundraising will take many different forms. I do recommend that everyone reads and considers Mary's piece below about how our faith can help us give to God.

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. I have already had a couple of great ideas which I am following up.

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

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FAITH PROMISE

The faith promise is another way to give. It is a faith commitment, an amount of money that people will trust God to enable them to give to a specific project that they believe is in line with God's heart. It is often done as a yearly commitment.

A faith promise is entirely between you and God. (You might want to write it down and keep it in your bible to remind you.)

It has a solid base in scripture in 2 Corinthians Chs 8 & 9.

"Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability."

Ch 8 v2-3

"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver" Ch9 v6-7

Read these two chapters and then come in prayer before God and ask him if he wants you to give and if so how much. When you have done this come before him in thanks giving believing that he will provide the means for you to give this amount and each month keep thanking, trusting and believing and see how God provides. Be warned you may often have to wait until the last minute for the provision and be prepared to do your bit too!

As one person said who begun putting this into practise, "If I had waited until I had it (the money) I never would have given it, because I never would have had it. I gave it when I didn't have it, as a faith offering and God honoured it"

Will you try it too and see how great your God is?

Mary Attwood