

Building Development Update

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Thank you to everyone who has managed to attend one of Nigel's presentations on the new toilet designs. Everybody's comments will be taken into account during the coming months. Anyone who has not had a chance to see the toilet designs can contact any member of the Building Development Group (BDG) to have a look at the plans and make comments. The PCC approved the plans in November but it is still possible to change details of the design if needed.

The next task of the BDG is to get planning and buildings regulatory approval for the plans from the Diocese and the Local Authority. Following this stage we can get some quotations and accurate costs to confirm our estimates for the work.

As you know, fundraising has now started in earnest and everyone is encouraged to get involved in the events which are planned by Vicky and the fundraising team. Don't forget the Friday morning coffee sessions at the church run by David and Ruth.

Sales of calendars, tea towels, mugs and recipe books continue through the Christmas period and will make useful presents for your friends and family.

If anyone wants to hold their own fundraising events on their own or with other people, such as a garage sale, sponsored walk/crawl or cake baking event, just let the fundraising team know it is happening.

Anyone can be involved in fundraising at any level, small or large.

Last month the PCC decided to allocate a generous bequest to the church to the Building Development fund which will be a big step forward towards achieving our aims.

We are making more space available, following the sale of pews, for our Prayer Ministry Area which will be in place soon. This will give us somewhere quiet and uncluttered for group or individual prayer. Anyone who has reserved a pew is encouraged to take it away as soon as possible so that we can make good use of the space (and pay the money!)

The warm air curtain will be installed in the porch as soon as possible so that we can get the benefit of it during the cold winter months. The Archdeacon has been supporting us at every stage and the DAC has approved the faculty to allow these changes to be made.

We are consulting with a company which specialises in church furniture to advise us on storage and furniture for the church. This will help us with the design of the changes to the porch and the Tea, Coffee and Flower preparation area.

All members of the church are encouraged to make comments on the proposals and discuss their own involvement with any member of the Building Development Group.

In summary, we are making careful and steady progress towards the plans given to us by the PCC which discusses progress every month. When we get some accurate costs for the toilet and drainage works we can establish what we can afford to do with our existing funds and the total of new funds we need to raise.

Andy Minchin on behalf of the Building Development Group