

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING - Update



THANKS – I want to say a BIG thank you to the fundraising team, Anna-Marie, Dave, Ruth and Sheila G, for all their hard work, although there aren't many of us we have made a good start with some valued support. In order to keep the momentum going we will be asking for help from other people in 2012, we can't do it all on our own. Perhaps you can help us with just one event or activity? Give it some thought

CHRISTMAS GIFTS - don't forget - fundraising items that were on sale at the Advent Fayre are still available, please speak to Sheila Gill she will be pleased to help you. I want to give my special thanks to the Junior Church for the tea towel they designed so beautifully, to Anna-Marie and Keith Malcolm for the lovely Calendar they produced, to Dave and Ruth Fowler for the Soup Recipe Book, and to Sheila for holding the fort in my absence

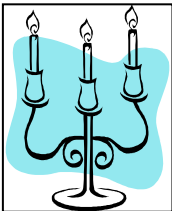
HAVE YOU TRIED CCWC11 YET? If not go on and give it a try! You can donate £1, £2, £3, £4, £5, or £10 directly by sending a text via your mobile phone. If you want to donate £5 the text message is CCWC11 £5 and you send it to phone number 70070. To date £60 has been donated.



FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

It seems an appropriate time as we approach 2012 to plan our fundraising for the coming New Year. There is something for everyonehere are the dates for your diary

CURRY BY CANDLELIGHT on Saturday 25th February 2012 I



in the Church Hall

Our two curry experts, Nigel and Graham will be cooking up one of their specialities. Included in the ticket there will be a curry main course and a dessert, plus entertainment; please bring your own drinks

We will also be cashing in our 'change for change' (see below). All this for just £12.50 per ticket and £8.50 for children under 12. Ticket numbers are limited so make sure you reserve yours, they are available now from Dave & Ruth Fowler.

Diary date - STUART'S QUIZ Saturday 21st April 2012 in the Church Hall



Stuart Davies, the King of Quizzes is going to be our question master for a quiz evening on the Queen's birthday. Teams of up to six people, plus a fish and chip supper. More details to follow.



Diary date - DIAMOND JUBILEE BARN DANCE AND HOG ROAST

Saturday 2nd June 2012 at Southwick Farm

Join us in a big celebration for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, dancing to barn dance band, Stubble. More details to follow.

Diary date - MICHAELMAS DINNER AND ANNUAL AUCTION OF PROMISES Saturday 29th September 2012 – we have had great feedback from this year's promises, and the event was so much fun we are doing it again! More details to follow. You will be pleased to hear that Paul and Tanya will be doing the catering for us again.



CHANGE FOR CHANGE - we know that we are fundraising at a difficult time, but we also know that all the money that is raised, whatever the amount, helps us to get nearer to reaching our target. It is amazing how small amounts of money mount up and we want to prove this through 'change for change'. We are asking you to consider, but only if you can, putting aside in a jar, box or bag any loose change you have and can spare between 1st January 2012 and 25th February 2012. We all end up with small coins in the purse or pocket, which weigh a lot but don't have much value. Why not put them aside, and then bring them to our Curry by Candlelight event. Let's see what we can raise together with our loose change to make the changes we want to the church.

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COFFEE MORNINGS

If we want to see how small amounts of money build up, then Ruth and Dave Fowler's coffee mornings are a fantastic example. They take place once a month on the second Friday of the month in Church. If you haven't been, I can assure you of fresh real coffee, magnificent cakes, and great company and fellowship. Since they started they have raised nearly £250! If you haven't been, give it a try! Perhaps you could think about what you could do?



DURING 2012:

We will also be developing other items we can sell, having a competition to design Christmas Cards for Christ Church, producing further cook books (next one is main courses), and encouraging other groups within the Church to start their own fundraising.

Yes, there really is something for everyone, so please get involved, support our activities and help us make the changes we want for our Church really happen!

When you read this I will be in Australia. I am taking what they call some 'time out' to visit family and friends and do a couple of 'once in a lifetime' trips. So, if I didn't see you before I left I wish you a very joyful Christmas, I hope that you have a great time, I will be thinking of you.



God bless and take care

Don't forget that **EVERY** penny counts and **EVERY** penny is valued!

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Vicky Stephen

Thank you to those generous people who attended and helped with Novembers coffee morning.
We raised £17.40 towards the BLD Fund

Dave & Ruth Fowler