



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH  
DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

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## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, DONHEAD ST ANDREW**

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*This issue of the Newsletter covers:*

- *the recent decisions made by the PCC*
- *an update on fundraising since the last Newsletter*
- *an update on the cost of the Development Project*
- *details of forthcoming church services at St Andrew's*
- *an invitation to a very special celebration*
- *details about the annual Quiz Supper and how to book tickets*

### **THE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND APPEAL**

After the June 2017 Newsletter - number 19 - we had planned to get another Newsletter out during the summer. However, even the best-intentioned plans don't always work out quite as expected. It may have appeared that very little has been going on since the last Newsletter but this is far from the reality. This Newsletter will give you both the headlines and a comprehensive update on progress.

#### **The Good News - PCC decisions**

### ***Building work will start early in the New Year***

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) made the following unanimous decisions at its October 2017 meeting:

1. The overarching objective is to complete all the urgent repairs, make all the improvements, build the additional facilities and provide the new resources as planned in a single comprehensive project.

2. The main contract will be let so that building work can commence at the start of 2018 contingent on what is affordable at the time of letting the contract.
3. Once the outcomes are known of the outstanding major Trust and Foundation applications the PCC will meet in December 2017 to let the main contract.
4. Once the PCC has made this decision, a second and final appeal to the villager community will be made to raise any outstanding funding so that the entire project can be completed.
5. There will be a later, separate opportunity for villagers to buy additional chairs with a commemorating plaque on each one.

## **More Good News - Fundraising**

### ***We now have £430,000 in the Appeal Fund***

That's an increase of 54% from the start of this year. Our thanks to everyone in the village who has contributed in so many ways to take us to this figure.

In addition, we confidently expect to be able to recover up to a further £100,000 of VAT on the relevant building works through the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Scheme.

### ***So we can currently commit to a total expenditure of £530,000 on the Project***

## **More Detail On Fundraising**

We started 2017 with £280,000 in Appeal funds. By the end of May 2017, that figure had risen to £331,000, an increase of 18%. This included two large and generous donations from members of our village community.

Once the Faculty had been granted at the end of May 2017, the Friends Committee could make applications to Trusts and Foundations that required the Faculty to be in place before any would consider giving a grant; this included some major potential donors.

Some of these Trusts and Foundations would only give grants for urgent repairs to listed churches; others focussed on improvements and resources for wider community use.

It was also an opportunity to go back to Trusts and Foundations that had already given us a grant and might do so again as they could see the village community continuing to work hard to raise the remaining funds required for the original project and the additional funds required for the urgent repairs.

Wherever appropriate, emphasis was placed on the urgent need to repair the roof, deal with the cause of the damp in the walls and remove the asbestos discovered under the floors and in the boiler house.

Though there are still a number of Trusts and Foundations to hear from, the results to date have been incredibly positive.

In August 2017 we had the wonderful news that the Heritage Lottery Fund had granted us £67,600; 100% of the sum requested.

Since then, there has been further successes:

- a second grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation of £15,000
- second grant from the Beatrice Laing Trust of £5,000
- a second grant of from the AllChurches Trust of £3,000
- a grant of £300 from the Sarum St Michael Educational Trust.

In addition, funds have been raised from other sources:

- £690 donated by the PCC from the proceeds of the 2017 Church Fete
- £1,100 from the Village Produce Stall
- nearly £9,700 from Friends' events, activities and subscriptions.

We still have to hear from about ten Trusts and Foundations. These include three important ones whose trustees meet during November.

We also have the income to come from Friends' events and activities in the rest of 2017 and in 2018, together with the subscriptions from the members of the Friends.

So, we are currently in a strong position and with the hope of more funds to come.

## **Summary Of The Sources Of Funds Raised 2012-2017**

We thought that you would be interested to read a summary of where the funds raised have come.

Friends events, activities and subscriptions	£104,100	24%
Appeal donations from villagers and former villagers	£70,800	16%
PCC Fabric Reserves, sale of picture, share of Fete	£67,500	16%
Trusts and Foundations	£185,400	43%
VAT recovery to date	£2,700	0.6%

## **Less Good - But Not Unexpected - News**

We are now facing a much bigger cost than we originally expected but of course the project we are now undertaking is very different to the original project.

First, we now have to include the cost of the urgent repairs to the church which only came to light in 2016. Secondly, the original costs estimated in 2014 have had to be increased to take account of building and materials cost rises since then.

The urgent repairs are estimated to cost an additional £180,000 including VAT and the new estimate for the original project is £460,000.

***The total budget is now £640,000 including VAT***

## **More Detail On The Development Project And The Project Budget**

You will recall that, at the time of the launch of the Village Appeal in 2014, the estimated cost of the original Development Project, for improvements to the church and for the building of the new extension, was estimated at £330,000 including VAT. Three years later, the validity of the original figures are now well out of time.

The Development Committee has been working closely with the architect, main contractor and sub-contractors to review costs. We are in a buoyant building market locally where prices have risen both for construction and for materials. This has inevitably added to cost over the time period during which the PCC and its sub-committees have had to address the matters that have slowed progress considerably.

The estimated cost of the original Development Project, including the organ and furnishings, now stands at approximately £460,000 including VAT.

You will also recall that, last year, we discovered urgent repairs were required to the roof, externally and internally, gutters and downpipes and to the interior walls and that asbestos had been found under the floor of the church and in the boiler house. *(A full account of this was provided by the Chairman of the Development Committee in Newsletter 18).*

The additional cost of addressing these urgent problems and repairs is estimated at approximately £180,000 including VAT.

The PCC decided that these urgent repairs had to be the first priority as not having a watertight building and one without persistent damp in its walls would put at risk everything inside it. Taking advice from the Project architect, the PCC was left in no doubt that the most economical way of dealing with these urgent repairs and with the original Project Plan was to incorporate the two elements into a single project.

## **Timescales And The Future**

The building works will take approximately eight months. There will then be the inevitable snagging to deal with, together with the re-fitting of the restored organ and the new furnishings.

It is planned to hold a Service of Thanksgiving and a great Party when all this is completed.

We are now about to enter the final stage in this Development Project which was launched in 2012. This launch followed almost a decade of

consideration by the then newly-formed Friends Committee in the early 2000s. Following the village consultation and the PCC's writing of its Vision and Mission agreed in 2012, it will have taken the best part of seven years to deliver the Development Project.

As we have said so often, the Development Project is but one means to a much more important end:

***“To make St Andrew's Church a major centre of village life for all villagers, as a place of Christian worship and outreach and the place where the community can gather for a wide variety of village activities in a building which is inspiring, welcoming, accessible and well-resourced”.***

While the church is closed, the PCC will meet to develop plans for the fullest use of the church as a place of worship, community service and as the historic centre of the village community's life.

Thank you all for your support.

***Richard Warhurst*** Rector

***Simon Cooper John Jeffery*** Church Wardens

***George Lisle*** Chairman, Development Committee

***Michael Hockney*** Chairman, Friends Committee

## **CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

Sunday 12th November	10.50 am	SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE The service begins at the War Memorial and continues in church with choir and organ
Sunday 19th November	11.00 am	SUNG MATINS
Sunday 26th November	9.30 am	FAMILY SERVICE followed by refreshments
Sunday 3rd December	8.30 am	SAID HOLY COMMUNION
Sunday 10th December	9.30 am	SUNG EUCHARIST The final service at St Andrew's before the church closes; followed by a Party to celebrate John Jeffery's 90th birthday

Sunday 17th December      4.30 pm    The Service of Nine Lessons with  
Carols at St Mary's Church

Because of the closure of St Andrew's Church, the annual Service of Nine Lessons with Carols, with choir and organ, will be held at St Mary's Church, Donhead St Mary on Sunday 17th December at 4.30 pm. As usual, the collection will go to help the work of a local hospice.

## **A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION**

On Sunday 10th December 2017 we are holding the last service in St Andrew's Church before the church closes and building work begins. The Service will mark the end of this phase of the Development Project.

We will also be celebrating John Jeffery's 90th Birthday. As well as being a very important birthday milestone, it is a fitting time to note John's life-long service to St Andrew's Church and the local community, continuing his family's connections with St Andrew's Church dating back to at least the mid-19th century.

Everyone in the village is invited to join us for the Service at 9.30 am, to be followed by the Party with celebration cake.

## **THE FRIENDS STALL**

The Friends Stall will be open for the sale of Christmas cards and Christmas presents for half an hour after the church services on Sundays 12th, 19th and 26th November and on Sunday 10th December 2017.

It's an opportunity to buy the remaining stock of Christmas cards, including those designed by children of the church and village. There are also lovely limited edition signed prints of the village; they make ideal Christmas presents.

The prices for some of the Christmas cards and for the notelets and postcards have been reduced very considerably so that we can sell all the stock this year.

# **ANNUAL VILLAGE QUIZ SUPPER**

**Quiz Master: Michael York**

**Saturday 2nd December 2017  
New Remembrance Hall  
Charlton SP7 0LP  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm**

**Licensed Bar      Fine Wine Raffle  
Friends Stall**

**Make up a team of four to six -  
individual places also available**

Tickets - in advance only - £10 (£5 for those in full time education) - including supper - from Elizabeth Campbell (828201) or Jane Hill (828279)



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