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**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
DEVELOPMENT APPEAL**

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ST ANDREW'S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS ALL SET TO START!!!

PROGRESS TO DATE

St Andrew's Church PCC now has all the Planning Permissions and Church Facilities in place and has met all the Building Regulations necessary to enable us to start work on the Development Project.

The Development Committee has received updated construction costs, which have inevitably increased due to the various delays we have experienced over the life of the Project. These cost increases have been in line with expectations and had been included in the Committee's forward projections.

FUNDING

In 2107, £191,950 was added to Appeal funds, taking the total available to £471,281. In January and February 2018, a further £11,939 was raised from various sources. So, we now have a total of £484,220.

It is interesting to note that by the end of 2016 we had raised almost all of the money required for the original 'Improvements and Additional Resources' scheme, as launched in 2012. Then, of course, came the discoveries about the roof, walls and asbestos and the need to raise a further £180,000 to deal with these urgent repairs. A further appeal then went out to Trusts and Foundations that only fund listed churches with urgent repair needs; we are indeed fortunate that the responses from these Trusts and Foundations have gone a very long way to cover these essential repairs.

To the figure of £484,220, we can add a further £100,000 which will come to us from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's VAT Recovery Fund, based on the building costs involved in the project.

So, in total, we have approximately **£585,000** of funding to meet the total cost of the Development Project including VAT.

This leaves us with a funding gap which at the moment means we cannot complete the entire project, including the cost of new fittings, furniture and equipment in the church and in the new extension.

RECENT PCC DECISIONS

At its February 2018 meeting, the PCC, on the basis of the information above, unanimously decided to begin the Development Project:

1. to strip out and sell the pews. Having offered these to the village community, only the long ones and most of the front kneeling desks remain to be sold. We have some reclamation companies coming to view and make offers in the coming weeks.
2. to remove the organ. This will take place in w/c 19th March 2018. The organ builder will store the organ in his own facility and begin work on its restoration.
3. to put the church contents and furnishings into a commercial storage unit. A full inventory has been made and approved by the PCC.
4. to re-roof the church, including the provision of new insulation. This will be carried out entirely from the outside.
5. to strip out the asbestos insulation to the boiler house and in the pipework under the pews in the Nave and in the Chancel. This is a specialist operation that requires the church to be closed and sealed until it is finally cleaned of dust and certified as safe.

This will then lead into the rest of the Project as further funds are released.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING

The PCC with the Friends Committee have also agreed the following:

1. to continue to approach Trusts and Foundations to seek the remaining funds required.
2. to continue to run a programme of fundraising events and activities in 2018 for the community's participation and enjoyment.
3. to launch, once work begins on site, a second appeal amongst villagers and former villagers to raise the remaining funds. The total amount required will be made known at that point on the basis of the funds raised and the cost of delivering the project.
4. to launch in June 2018 the 'Give a chair In Memoriam' Appeal to fund the new chairs.

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