



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
DEVELOPMENT APPEAL



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THE BUILDING WORK PHASE OF ST ANDREW'S CHURCH'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IS FINALLY UNDER WAY

It is hard to believe - after all the delays - but very satisfying to report - that the building work started on site in June.

THE JOURNEY FROM 2003 - 2018

It was in 2003 that a group of villagers gathered to consider how to support St Andrew's Church as a place of ongoing worship and as a place where villagers could gather for a wide variety of activities and events. Back in 2003 the founders of the Friends of St Andrew's Church were concerned to secure the fabric of the church and to make the building a hospitable place with the facilities we all expect in our lives.

In 2012 a Development Committee was set up and an architect appointed. After consultation with villagers, the PCC launched the Project and the Appeal. Fundraising began with many imaginative, well-supported and thoroughly enjoyable events over the last seven years. Over three hundred applications were made to national and local trusts and foundations.

In 2016 the Project had to take on board the unforeseen - a leaking roof, faulty roof insulation, walls that retained moisture and asbestos under the floor and in the boiler house. All of this required urgent action at a very substantial additional cost.

We pressed on.

Finally, with much of the money raised, with all the Planning Permissions and Church Faculties in place and having met all the required Building Regulations, the PCC was able to approve and sign the first part of the Project contract.

The budget inevitably included increased construction costs, due to the rising cost of materials and labour during the periods of delay over the life of the Project. These cost increases have been in line with expectations and had been included in the Development Committee's expenditure and cash flow projections.

BUILDING PROGRESS TO DATE

Building work is underway and is making good progress.

The first task, invisible from outside the church, was to remove the asbestos. The asbestos turned out to be much more extensive than was originally thought; dealing with this has slowed down the project and added to the budget but, of course, it had to be dealt with before any further work could take place inside the church.

In the meantime, the building contractors have been working on the roof; the new insulation is now in place and the re-tiling of the roof is complete. It now remains to check and repair all the gutters and downpipes.

In the coming weeks the contractors will be working inside the church. Underfloor heating, electric trunking and pipework are being installed throughout the church, before laying the base for the new stone paving.

After that, the main effort will be to build the extension structure and roof it, to provide a watertight envelope before the weather turns.

The organ has been dismantled and is with our organ builder being cleaned and renovated.

FUNDRAISING

By the end of September 2018, the Friends had raised a total of just under £522,500. About £50,000 of this sum has been raised in the first eight months of 2018 and we know there is more to come from Friends members' subscriptions and fundraising events and activities.

However, this still 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.

So, the Friends Committee is continuing to approach Trusts and Foundations to fund the original project and the urgent repairs.

The PCC is very grateful to the many villagers and former villagers who have contributed so generously to the Appeal. Thank you all. If you have not yet contributed, or would like to contribute again to help cover the costs of the additional urgent repairs, please have a look at the Development Project and Appeal website - www.sacda.uk for more details of the options for donating.

Fundraising continues with the annual Quiz Supper on 1st December 2018, with Michael York once again in the chair as Quiz Master. We hope there will be a sell-out for this popular annual community event. For further details see the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of this Newsletter.



TODAY WE ARE LAUNCHING THE CHAIR APPEAL

Most of you will have seen the design of the new chair to be used in the future throughout St Andrew's Church. An example of the chair has been in St Andrew's Church for the last three years and has been praised for its comfort.

The PCC has included 54 of these chairs in its initial Development Project budget, enough for a normal Sunday congregation. In addition, we need a further 70 chairs to ensure we have enough seating for larger services such as Remembrance Sunday, Easter, Christmas, weddings, funerals, memorial services, for the choir and for community activities.

The PCC would like to give members of the village community and any families connected with the village the opportunity to donate a chair, *In Memoriam* for a loved one, or simply from an individual or family. A chair could mark a baptism, wedding, anniversary or funeral.

Each chair will have a brass plaque on the back of it where text provided by the donor can be engraved.

If you are a taxpayer and agree that we can claim Gift Aid the donation needed to fund each chair is £286. Without Gift Aid, or with a CAF cheque, the donation needed is £357.

The design was the unanimous choice of the PCC when the chair was first seen amongst a shortlist of possible chairs. It is made by the leading ecclesiastical furniture makers, Treske of Yorkshire.



Treske's designs can be found in over a hundred cathedrals and churches in the United Kingdom. The design of the chair we are having is called 'Southwell'.

If you go onto Treske's website, you can see the chair *in situ* in Southwell Minster. It is made of solid oak with a trough for service books and papers, has a dished back, a low shelf to fit one of the kneelers made by our villagers over the last thirty years and has a dished oak laminate seat. It has connectors on each side so that perfectly straight and robust rows can be created. It is stackable.



If you would like to donate a chair, further details and a donation form are enclosed with this newsletter.

The PCC would like to place the order for the additional chairs before Christmas, so your response as soon as possible would be much appreciated.

Thank you once again for your support.

Richard Warhurst Simon Cooper George Lisle Michael Hockney

Rector, Benefice of
St. Bartholomew

Church
Warden

Chairman,
Development
Committee

Chairman, Friends
Committee

REPORT ON ST ANDREW'S 2018 CHURCH FETE

The annual St Andrew's Church Fete was again a great success and a full report is included in the latest Donhead Digest and is on the SACDA website. The financial outcome of the Fete will be announced at a Party for the village community on Friday 5th October at the New Remembrance Hall at 6.30 pm. Details will also be available on the SACDA website the following week.

A final thankyou from the Fete Committee to everyone involved in so many ways. A lot of hard work went into this Fete but we also had a lot of fun, involved newcomers to the village and we will contribute significantly to worthy county and local charities and community activities.

SERVICES WHILE ST ANDREW'S IS CLOSED

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2018 - 10.45AM

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year; a particular and poignant reminder of the end of the First World War.

Because St Andrew's Church is closed, the entire Remembrance Service will take place at the village cemetery in Lower Street, Donhead St Andrew. It will begin at 10.45 am. Everyone is invited to attend to mark this national day of remembering. There will be a collection to support members and veterans of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and their families.

THE SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS WITH CAROLS – SUNDAY, 23rd DECEMBER 2018 - 4.30 PM

Again, because St Andrew's Church is closed, the Carol Service will take place at St Mary's Church, Donhead St Mary at 4.30 pm on Sunday 23rd December 2018. There will be readings by villagers and congregational carols for everyone to sing; the Benefice Choir will also sing. Everyone is most welcome to attend, including young people of all ages. There will be a collection for a local Hospice.

Find out more about ST ANDREW'S CHURCH via our WEBSITE –

www.sacda.uk



QUIZ SUPPER

Quizmaster: Michael York

Saturday 1st December 2018

New Remembrance Hall

Charlton SP7 0LP

6.30 pm

Licensed Bar Fine Wine Raffle

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 828269



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