

ST ANDREWS CHURCH – DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

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1. Completion:

I can report on behalf of the PCC that the project we set out to perform so many years ago is now complete, in every detail. The journey has been long and sometimes complicated, but we now have a fine, warm church, ready for worship again so soon as regulations allow, equipped and for many uses that the parish may require of it. It is also now in good repair and should be relatively maintenance free for some time to come.

I would like to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of the members of the Development Committee that have made this possible. It is a fine outcome and an example to other parishes of what can be achieved.

2. Final Cost:

The overall cost of all the works, fixtures, fittings and equipment was £830,446. This is considerably more than the estimate reported to The Friends AGM three years ago (£567K). We did suffer some serious contingency costs early in the build, particularly related to discoveries of asbestos, but owing to the magnificent efforts of The Friends' fund raising committee we have always been able to keep the money raised in step with the costs being incurred. As the money has kept flowing in we have been able to expand the scope of the project to achieve the high standard outcome we now enjoy. Much gratitude is due to Michael Hockney for the time and effort he has put into this personally.

The funds raised have outstripped the costs by £6,749 and it is proposed to transfer this surplus to the PCC fabric fund.

3. Future of the PCC Development Sub Committee:

As the Development Committee's work is now done, it will be transformed into the PCC's Fabric Working Group, responsible for the maintenance of the building and its installations.

George Lisle, Chairman.