



Progress Update

21 September 2021

Progress on the Future for Christ Church and Discover Christ Church Projects has been rather slower than we might have hoped due to the very complex consents process, which is outside our control.

Despite this, we are pleased to report that:

- The application for consent for the much needed kitchen, toilets, storage and open spaces to serve the needs of the congregation, school and community should now be on the home stretch, with the Diocese undertaking the final consultations prior to a decision in the next few months.
- We also now have:
 - A Conservation Report detailing what is needed to restore the nave wall paintings, reveal a sample strip of earlier painting schemes and clean/brighten the window surrounds and walls.
 - A fully costed proposal to restore the clock faces and replace the clock mechanism* from Smith of Derby.
 - A design for flexible, energy efficient new lighting for the nave.

As a result, we have been able to submit a second application for lighting, nave walls and clock. We hope for a decision on these around the year end.

- Our eye-catching and informative brochure to explain the projects, their costs and how you can help has been published and is available in print and [on-line](#).

Fundraising update:

Jams, marmalades and pickles	£807.50
Plants and produce	£2073.00
Cards	£260.00
Donations	£1170.00
Collecting boxes (includes some jams, marmalades and pickle sales)	£682.52
Grants	£900

Total **£6,213.02 +**
£367.56 Gift Aid

Expenditure to date: Conservation Report and Brochures
£1593.60

The Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust has published articles about Christ Church including expressing a desire to provide some grant assistance towards the conservation works.

We are so grateful for this amazing support at this early stage, and before we have launched a fund raising campaign.

Grant applications:

Grant giving bodies variously require, or strongly advise that we have all consents in place before applying for funding. We must therefore await the Diocesan decisions before we can apply.

In the meantime, we continue to do the groundwork to enable us to make grant applications after we obtain the consents.