

From the Christ Church Building Project Working Group

Future for Christ Church Community Project Update



Progress Update

28 June 2021

As reported to this month's PCC, considerable progress has been made in recent months, including:

- Amending the proposals to address Historic England's concerns about the layout, design, and the importance they place on the restoration of the nave walls**. As a result, the project now proposes a kitchen, toilets, open spaces, an office, and storage.
- A Conservation Report was commissioned to fully define the works needed to restore the nave wall paintings, reveal a sample strip of earlier painting schemes, and clean/brighten the lower walls. *
- A fully costed proposal to restore the clock faces and replace the clock mechanism* has been obtained from Smith of Derby.
- We approached 5 lighting consultants/contractors. Two responded, have visited CC to discuss needs/options and we await their costed proposals for lighting design. *
- Work with the Heritage Fund has progressed, and we are now encouraged to submit a funding application for a

heritage focussed community outreach project that would also restore the nave walls, clock, and new lighting.

- An eye-catching and colourful brochure is in production that explains the project, its costs and how you can help.

We now therefore have a two-strand project:

1. **Future for Christ Church** – The provision of essential amenities and open spaces to serve the needs of the congregation and community
2. **Discover Christ Church!** – A complementary intergenerational project co-designed with young people to find, explore, reveal, restore, and share the hidden heritage on our doorstep.

3. Fundraising update:

Jams, marmalades and pickles	£797
Plants and produce	£1893
Cards	£94
Donations	£1901
A Church of England with the Pilgrim Trust grant towards the £1300 cost of the Conservation Report for the nave walls and wall paintings.	£900
Total	£5585

We are so grateful for this amazing support at this early stage. Any offers of help or support for the scheme should be forwarded to Stephen Pike (stephen@sandhpike.co.uk) or Gillian Ellis-King (gillellisking@btinternet.com). Thank you!

*A separate faculty is required for these works

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We are very pleased to report that following many months of discussion, negotiation and us waiting, the Diocesan Advisory Committee has just:

- decided that, once our architect has provided two short supplementary points of information, we can progress to the formal stage of consultation with statutory bodies.

We are also very heartened to read the DAC's conclusion that:

The PCC should be complimented on the very highly detailed set of drawings and complete specifications, and in reading the documents there is no doubt a lot of thought has gone into not only this application but the whole project. The scheme is well argued and should improve the church's mission for generations to come.