

# November 2011 GBChurch Update from the Redevelopment Team

First of all we want to thank all of you for your support and prayers. Secondly thank you to everyone who has given money for this project. Although it may appear there has not been a lot going on work has been happening behind the scenes to move the project forward. Since our previous report at the July Church meeting the Building Fund has increased very little. (Present total £93,600 with £10,000 contingency) We reported then that this was considerably short of the target required to proceed with the builders Ovamill of £134,000. This caused the elders to question whether these plans were the right ones for us in this time of recession. With no extra funding coming in Ray and Jeff set about ways of saving money and finding more practical solutions. This they managed to do to include new heating, new windows, carpets, new foyer, external repairs and decoration of the sanctuary for £105,000 (with £5000 contingency) After several meetings and much prayer seeking God's will for the project the conclusion reached by all of the team and the elders was that we should go ahead with this revised scheme as a new phase 1. (Other phases can follow as finances permit.) Ray met with the team and Hans before the church meeting on the 27th September where those priorities and proposals were agreed to in principle. We apologise that it was not passed onto the church at that meeting as it had to still be refined and accepted by all the team and the elders. The main differences between this scheme and the July proposals are the reduced costs; the foyer designs and the decision to use Steve Cox as our builder instead of Ovamill.

## Phase 1 - prioritised

- ✓ Heating - boiler for rear and new heaters to the sanctuary – *order placed*
- ✓ Building work/repairs as scheduled to be by Steve Cox builder including internal and external works with immediate start – *order placed*
- ✓ New windows to sanctuary and side windows to front lobby – *order placed*
- ✓ Submitted revised front elevation plan for approval and fee paid - £190
- ✓ Electrical work - *order placed*.
- ✓ Revised front entrance/lobby plans with 3 windows and GRP covings – *order placed with Steve Cox*
- ✓ Obtain quotes for carpet in sanctuary - *looking to place an order*  
Costs of carpets =£ 3200 + foyer £480. Only quote so far Ray will pursue more
- ✓ Sanctuary makeover to include plastering and decoration.

## Breakdown of costs including VAT.

- Boiler, hot water, repairs to flashing on gable = £37,500
- Sanctuary heating, windows, decoration of the west end, electrics, carpeting, internal decoration £27,000
- Foyer carpeting, decor, toilets, new windows, GRP Fascia units. = £35,650
- Fees = approx £5000 N.B. All these figures are subject to change

Total £105,150 – approx.

We are extremely grateful to Ray for negotiating large savings on the price of the windows, heating and electrics and in particular to Steve Cox a Christian builder from Norwich who has offered his services with little profit. We hope to arrange some time for him to come to church give his testimony and be prayed for.

## Please pray

- That the building work will be completed with people feeling energised not exhausted, having grown closer to each other and to God
- That the primary focus will always be our development as a church Together Together strengthening our faith.
- That we can work through the disruptions together.
- For faith to be exercised in giving and glory to God be given through this project

(The main feature of this redesign compared to the previously approved design is that it costs less. This has been achieved by reducing and simplifying the scale of the development.)

We would again thank you for your support and encouragement. May we take this opportunity to challenge you all to be as involved and supportive as possible. After all, there can be no more exciting and rewarding place to be than a part of what God is doing among us and through us.

## Giving to the fund can be by one of the following methods – see Steve James

**Direct Giving:** One off donations can be given at any time, whether large or small. Specific money for the building project must be in the clearly marked envelopes *Building Fund*

**Regular Giving:** Regular amounts can be given through standing orders with banks. It is important to know there is a reliable and sustained income, at least for the duration of the project and its associated costs. Of course, changes in circumstances are understandable and the setting up of any regular giving is able to be cancelled by you at any time. At the end of the project, the giving can again be reviewed. The new drawings/designs will be available on the redevelopment notice board and on the website.

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