

# *the BIG* 'OUR CHURCH' *Project*

Playing our part in the ongoing story of St. Mildred's

St Mildred's



Serving the community in the love of Christ

Update week ending April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we received tender submissions from all five of the selected Principal Contractors, and have started to analyse them with our Architects. It is really good news that we have a complete set of submissions so they can be compared and contrasted to ensure we choose the best contractor for our project.

We have also received news of award for our second external grant, and many thanks for all of the letters of support the Parish Office have now received. A number of external funds require DAC approval for the project, and we will progress those applications once this is received. At the time of writing, we still await news on our submission following the DAC meeting just over two weeks ago.

During the early part of the project, we considered adding clocks to the three tower faces of St Mildred's. With the slight lull in project activity, we have made contact with a clock making firm in Derby and received an estimate for the manufacture and fitting of three clocks, automatic electronic mechanism and fitting. Although financially this is a stretch too far for the BIG 'OUR CHURCH' Project, it is good to know what can be achieved.

Please continue to pray for the project team, the finance team and the PCC as we head towards the extraordinary PCC at the end of April and the decision to award the contract. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Update week ending April 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we received feedback from the Diocesan Advisory Committee regarding our project submission. The letters outlined a number of questions and clarifications, but we do not believe require any material changes to our design submission. Indeed, the DAC secretary noted that "The DAC wished to emphasise that the points which advisors are raising are essentially matters of details and affirmed the significant progress which has been made in the development of the proposals for this major project". Our responses will be considered at the May DAC Meeting.

Following receipt last week, the team are continuing to work through the Contractor's tenders with our Architects. Most of the proposals are very detailed, and this is turning in to a substantial piece of work to ensure we identify and compete the project priorities within our available funds.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Update week ending April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we finalised our responses to the Diocesan Advisory Committee's review of our project. These will be submitted next week for consideration at the May DAC Meeting.

We have also continued to work through the submitted tenders. As the cost of tenders are greater than anticipated, the team are continuing to analyse and look for cost savings to ensure we identify and compete the priorities of the project within our total available funds.

Work on the external fundraising continues with submissions for two major funds sent in the last week. A number of funds require DAC permission, and we will progress these as soon as it is received. It is important for us to understand the total amount available for the project, hence the current focus on obtaining DAC approval.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Update week ending April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we held a project review with the Architects to discuss timescales, project scopes and our funding position. We identified and agreed the project's core priorities, and our architects will now go back to a chosen selection of contractors to re-price accordingly. The core priorities were proposed following our financial analysis of the tenders completed, and what will really make a difference to us all at St Mildred's. We will be presenting an update on all aspects of the project at the next PCC meeting at the end of May.

During the week we also re-submitted the DAC application, along with an accompanying letter addressing the queries raised. These will be considered at the May DAC Meeting. We are still waiting to hear about our Croydon Council planning application, but are working on the theory "No news is good news"!

We have also continued to respond to some quite complex questions raised during our external fundraising applications, and work continues to support the two significant applications which are due to be heard in June.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments.