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the BIG 'OUR CHURCH' *Project*

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



Update October 1st

Since the Summer break, the BIG 'Our Church' Project team have continued to work on the legal part of the faculty following the DAC recommendation in July. We have responded to some further questions from the Chancellor, and Croydon council have visited to review our internal plans. We have also completed the public consultation period required for the faculty.

External fundraising has continued a-pace, with eleven applications currently being processed, and a further two in development. We are about to select and start negotiations with a preferred contractor, but even with some cost savings, there will remain a funding gap. The finance team have also been working hard to determine what we can realistically afford, and some solutions to solve the gap. The results of this, and work with the subcontractors will be presented to the October PCC meeting.

If you want to know more, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask

Update Nov 12th

Since the last update, the BIG 'Our Church' Project team have been meeting weekly to progress the project. We have now provided responses to all of the Chancellor's queries so far (including a glowing letter of support from the DAC), and we now await the Chancellor's decision!

Whilst external fundraising is on-going, work has also continued on closing the funding gap and at the PCC's October meeting, the finance team presented various options. After discussion, it was decided to sell our property in Selwood Road and use the proceeds partly towards the project, and partly to purchase a modern 1 or 2 bedroom flat. This removes the need for substantial renovation of the house in the next few years, retains a Church owned property, maintains most of the regular income we received from Selwood Road, and completes the Project's funding. This decision marks a significant milestone for the project, and is a great achievement.

Additionally, the PCC passed a motion to donate at least £10k towards a charitable cause as part of the project. The Mission Outreach team have researched projects far and wide, and will make a recommendation for the recipient to the PCC.

The Church Wardens have also been hard at work planning for worship in the Main Hall from the new Year, and finally we will also need to clear the church and vestries in mid to late January (Faculty depending) - we will be asking for Volunteers for this big task nearer the time. If you want to know more, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.