

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

Week ending Feb 19:

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we have continued to refine the final designs and tender documentation. The architects and design consultants are compiling the DAC application and tender information pack for the sub contractors. This includes a schedule of works which lists all works required and will provide a breakdown of costs to allow a considered decision if the overall cost is greater than our available funds. We have now received the external lighting design pack which will be included in the application - watch out for the highlights of this next week. Our preparation for the project update next Sunday continues, which includes a new poster display, financial update and parish post article. We are looking forward to updating you, and answering your questions during coffee after the service. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Week ending Feb 12:

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project has been mainly about tying up the loose ends – from recessed sockets in the stage, to drains in the garden, to discussing cushions for the communion rails. We have reviewed a draft list of contractors for the main tender, and started discussing our strategy for placing the contract of works. The external lighting scheme is nearing completion, and during the week we revisited the main lighting scheme to check the design against our final plans. With the help of the flower team, we completed the design for the Flower vestry and we have also started to think about how we clear the church, and our worship during the time the Church is closed. I am quickly realising that this may even be more complex than the project itself with so many things to consider! We also found some time to review the display boards for the project update in two weeks on Sunday 26th February. As always, thank you for your continuing support of the BIG 'OUR CHURCH' Project, and please us know if you have any questions or comments.

Week ending Feb 5:

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we have been working on the program of works, with our Architects working hard to fit many activities in to a relatively short period. The proposed program shows final PCC approval for the works in April, and actual works commencing mid-July and completing by the end of November. This of course depends on many things, not least of all finances, and on Monday our current position was reviewed by the Finance team. We have now submitted 11 applications to external funds, and our own fundraising is continuing extremely well thanks to the amazing generosity of everyone at St Mildred's – we'll provide more information on our progress during the project update on Sunday 26th February when we will briefly present both finances and key designs on the updated display panels.

During the week we hosted a site visit for the Architects and Electrical designers in Church, and continued to answer more questions regarding the Flower and Vicars vestries to ensure they become spaces that really work for us. Work on the external architectural lighting has commenced to make St Mildred's more visible at night (without becoming Blackpool illuminations!), and final proposals for the Lady Chapel colour scheme are also being reviewed.

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