

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 March 5th 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we have submitted our faculty application to the Southwark DAC. This is a very significant milestone for the project, and marks the completion of the design phase, and our request to Southwark Diocese for permission to proceed. If you heard our update last Sunday (please have a look at the updated display if you didn't have a chance to last week) you'll also know that we have now raised enough money to fund the budget for the project's first phase without a large amount of external grants. This is fantastic news, and we really appreciate all of your generosity. Both of these mean that the project is now on a firm foundation, and we can move forward to the tendering phase with confidence. Please pray for the project as we progress through the faculty process, and as always, thank you for your continuing support of the BIG 'OUR CHURCH' Project. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Week ending March 12th 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we have started the early phases of the tender process contacting potential suppliers and hosting a number of visits to church by different trades people. We have also submitted our planning application to Croydon Council for the external works, and started to firm up the requirements for the organ refurbishment in the second phase. Please have a look at the updated display at the back of the church if you haven't had a chance to already, and please pray for the project as our faculty application is reviewed by the DAC. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Week ending March 19th 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we concentrated on the external fundraising, chasing up new leads and answering a number of questions from existing applications. As Steve said last Sunday, we currently need your help! If a local community organisation you are connected with feels able to, we would appreciate a letter of support addressed to the Parish Office along the lines below:

" We understand that St Mildred's Church currently has made an application for financial assistance for the BIG 'OUR CHURCH' Project. This project will include a complete renewal of the electrical, lighting and sound systems as well as enlarged stage, enhanced AV facilities and redecoration of the church. At present we make limited use of the Church building as the electrical, sound and lighting systems are out-dated, and the Church has very few electrical sockets. Following completion of the planned works, we are likely to make much greater use of The Church buildings as it will better meet our needs. Our organisation fully supports the Big Our Church Project"

We also eagerly await the outcome of the DAC meeting this week, and I will let you know as soon as there is any news! As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Week ending March 26th 2017

This week on the BIG 'Our Church' Project we have continued to show around contractors around the Church, and answer questions from those tendering for our work. I'd like to thank our Centre staff for entertaining the various tradesmen when the team have been unavailable – they have all commented on the warm welcome!

Next week is another big week for the project. We should hear the results of the DAC meeting (I'm told the formal communication generally takes around two weeks), the period for objections and comments for our Croydon Council planning application closes, and the tenders are due back with our architects by noon on Tuesday. We then enter a period of tender evaluation and financial scrutiny to ensure the contracted works are right for St Mildred's.

Please continue to encourage local organisations to send letters of support for the project to the Parish Office (thank you for the responses so far), and please also 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 commence works.

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