

BUILDING GOD'S CHURCH

This insert provides further information on our Building Project.

THE STORY SO FAR

Holy Trinity Church,
Richmond
Building God's Church



*"You are the light of the world.
A town built on a hill cannot be hidden"*
Matthew 5:14

Every five years our church is officially inspected by an architect to identify things we need to address or be aware of. For several years we had been aware of the poor state of some of our roofing and stonework, and the inspection in 2015 highlighted the need to address them. But we recognised that it would probably be difficult to generate much excitement about a project that was just to do with the roof and stonework!

So we began to think more broadly about refreshment and redevelopment of our building and site to better support ministry and mission for the next 30, 40 or 50 years. After some initial thinking by our Church Council we carried out a major consultation with church members during the second half of 2016 about things that must be or might be included as part of a project.

Apart from addressing roof and stonework issues, the project will create more space - for Sunday youth and children's groups, for the varied ministry of our church, for those working on site during the week and for storage -

refresh heavily used facilities like our kitchen and toilets, and provide a more welcoming site for the hundreds of local people and church members who come here every week.

Our Outline of Requirements was signed off by the Church Council in summer 2017 and we planned to launch the project in autumn 2017. However the sudden and tragic death of our previous vicar, Trevor Patterson, in October 2017 meant the project was inevitably put on hold. Since then we have appointed Dan Wells as our vicar, and now that he has settled into this role we want to press on with the project.

WHERE NEXT?



We have formed a Building Project Group (BPG), which in autumn 2019 confirmed that our Outline of Requirements still reflects well what needs to be done through the project. So we now want to move on to appointing an architect and get cracking with the project!

If you would like to help us take the project forward, and feel you have the skills to contribute through becoming a member of the BPG or in other ways, then

please speak to Liz Morris or contact her via liz.morris@htrichmond.org.uk