

## Faith in the Future: Q&A April 2022

### **How are you getting on with the funding?**

There's been a fantastic response from individuals. Including Gift Aid, nearly £291,900 given or pledged. In addition we have been awarded £52,500 of grants. The total of £344,400 is very close to the target that we appealed for in our June 2021 launch brochure

### **What is happening to the old hall site?**

A number of competitive bids were received soon after the site was offered for sale. We understand our buyer's intentions to be for residential development. Our outline planning permission indicated the possibility of 2 detached houses, but it is entirely down to the developer to decide whether to explore a similar proposal to or apply for permission to do something slightly different

Our buyer is happy to wait till mid Dec 2022 to complete on the sale. This means that the old hall will be available for church & community use until then

Assuming this sale goes ahead the net receipts will also be rather greater than the figure that we had indicated in our launch brochure

### **So you're good to go?**

As indicated above, we have sight of considerably more funds than we thought we would need,. However building and material costs have escalated hugely above the rate of inflation over the last 18 months.

We are very hopeful that we have enough to embark on the main part of the project, to construct a replacement hall, foyer, kitchen, toilets on the main church. However we are aware that we may not yet have enough funds in place to complete the project by building a lift and improved staircase down to the parish room level. The latter part of the project was indicated in the appeal brochure as a potential 'phase 2' We would, of course, still prefer to complete all of the project at the same time. However we will only know the position when the builders return their tenders at the beginning of June

### **Are you still accepting gifts and pledges?**

Yes! Most responses have been made by printing and returning [a response slip](#)

In addition you can also respond by visiting our [justgiving page](#)  
*Note: if you don't want to make an additional donation to the justgiving platform, when it asks give you options of 5%, 10% or 15% you just need to choose 'other' and then put 0.00 in the box below.*

### **So when do you start building?**

We are very hopeful of being able to start in the summer, maybe even as early as July. We are intending for the contract to require the building to be complete within 10? months

### **Has the PCC considered buying St Peter's buildings instead?**

About 5 years ago this kind possibility was considered both by the PCC and by the building development committee, as a possible option should St Peter's not be able to continue. At one point it seemed like the most obvious long term plan. However, even if St Andrew's Hall site were disposed of, we would be left with 2 large sets of buildings on both sides of the road. It was therefore decided that this was considerably more than we felt able as a church to manage and maintain.

### **How much disruption will there be?**

Although there will be long term benefits in providing fully integrated facilities, some disruption will be unavoidable and there will be some restrictions on numbers.

When the project was being planned, we had assumed that we would often be able to relocate activities (or even, if needed, worship services) to St Peter's site during the construction period. This is now of course very unlikely, although our own Hall will be available until mid-December.

Though the contract will exclude any Sunday working, during the working week, the risk of site noise means that weddings and funerals will not be possible. However there is an established procedure for agreeing with families their preferred option to relocate to a nearby Church of England building that is available.

Parking space for disabled people should continue to be available on the church site. There is also a good deal of on-street parking nearby for others who arrive by car.

### **Do you need anything else?**

We would appreciate continuing prayer for the project!