

PLANS FOR THE CHURCH

Many years of only the most essential maintenance meant that it has been right for us to focus on the Pallant Centre first. However, we have plans for the Church too, which will be supported by Big Build Campaign Donations. These include:

- **Rewiring, new lights, sound/visual system, CCTV**
Total Cost: £99,000
Raised/Committed by PCC: £66,250
Still needed: £32,750
- **Restoration of the Organ**
Total Cost: £37,500
Raised/Committed by PCC: £37,500
- **Moving the Organ to the South Transept (to increase volume and presence in worship)**
Total Cost: £15,000
Raised: £0
- **West End Gallery with toilets, servery extra seating and Sunday School Room**
Total Cost: £145,000
Raised: £0
(This plan is subject to congregation consultation and final PCC approval)
- **Sitting Comfortably: replacing pews with flexible, comfortable seating so that the church can be much better used (e.g. for exhibitions, art installations, drama, concerts, community days, charity sales etc)**
Total Cost: £7,000
Available (from sale of pews) £3,500 (est.)
Still Needed: £3,500
(This plan is subject to congregation consultation and final PCC approval)

WHAT ABOUT THE ROOF?

We have not forgotten the roof!

Our church roof is old, and *in parts* has not been renewed since the mid-1800s. However, current expert advice is that with careful and persistent maintenance, it is **not yet** in *dire and urgent* need of complete replacement.

The PCC has therefore judged that we should concentrate on other matters that will build up usage of the building (and therefore income, as well as community benefit). The PCC is also considering actively how to establish a long term strategy for roof replacement (including continuing to apply for substantial grant funding). For information (and in case a billionaire picks up this leaflet!) we need around £500,000 to completely renew the roof for the next 200 years.

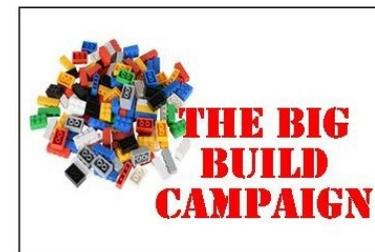
WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

We hope this short leaflet has provided a helpful overview of our progress and future plans for the Big Build Campaign. Donations to help us achieve all the community benefits listed here are most welcome at all times.

Please use one of the YELLOW GIFT AID ENVELOPES available on the sides-table in the church. Donations can be by cheque or cash - and can be posted through the 'Offerings' box to the right of the main door. They can also be given in person to the Parish Office, when open, or directly to the Rector or Treasurer (Shelley Saunders). (Contact details on any Pew Sheet)

If your donation is likely to be substantial, please contact the Rector to make appropriate arrangements. Donations can be anonymous, with only a very few people aware of your identity or other ways can be found to appropriately make your donation in memory of a loved one or other good cause.

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FIRST YEAR REPORT

From the Rector...



The Big Build Campaign is St Faith's fundraising programme - to fund the restoration, repair and renovation of our historic buildings (especially the Church and the Pallant Centre). It is, in effect, a 'general fund' which enables the Parish to get on with vital repairs, many of which are not as attractive to donors as more high profile campaigns (such as the funds for lighting, roof repairs, clock-face and organ restoration etc).

The Campaign was launched one year ago, in April 2015. Our figures to the end of March this year show that we have raised £18,138 for the Campaign - through fundraising events and individual donations. To all who have contributed, whether through direct donation or hard work - please accept our grateful thanks.

This is *in addition* to specific gifts for other 'restricted' purposes. In particular we have recently received gifts totalling around £26,000

(with gift aid) for the lighting and electrics project, and a further £3,690 for the Clock-face Fund (which is to be matched funded by the PO9 Newspaper).

There is therefore much to be thankful for, both to God and to the generous people of Havant who have dug so deep to help us improve our buildings for the sake of the whole community.

This leaflet is designed to give an overview of work that we have completed with the funds already raised in the Big Build Campaign - and highlight some of the urgent work we have yet to do.

Please keep on supporting us, with your time and your money. There is much to do...but we are hopeful and optimistic about the future of the Parish of St Faith!



Canon Tom Kennar
Rector of Havant

BIG BUILD SPENDING TO DATE

Of the £18,138 raised to the end of March 2016, we have spent £14,860 - primarily on repairs and renovations at The Pallant Centre. Much of this expenditure has been on small individual items - a pot of paint here, a bag of plaster there, and so on.

This spending has been more than matched by volunteer labour, which has enabled a vast amount of work to be completed. Much of this work has been led by our Parish Development Officer, Dave Pearson and the newly formed Pallant Users Group (a group of representatives from all the groups who we consider our community partners (long-term hirers) in providing services to the Community. These efforts have been supplemented by the St Faith's Men's Group.

Special mention must be made of Paul Stanton whose voluntary expert assistance has been invaluable. Our Caretaker, Malcolm Johnson, and our Parish Development Officer, Dave Pearson have also gone well beyond the call of their duties, and also deserve our special thanks.

Thanks also go to the Hampshire & I.O.W Community Payback Service, who have provided probationers with often expert skills to help with refurbishment, as well as a team of their own staff who gave up a day of their time to paint our 'Upper Room' (the former 'Godly Play' room)

SO WHAT'S BEEN DONE?

Work at The Pallant Centre to date has included:

- **Reclamation of the Garden.** Bushes, weeds and rubbish have been (largely) removed, and plans are in train to provide new facilities, and a useable, pleasant public garden.
- **Refurbishment of the Hall,** including damp prevention to the south wall, re-painting, and floor stripping. Curtains have been cleaned, and safety cages are on order for the heaters.
- **Reclamation of the 'Upper Rooms' of Church House** - as useable, lettable community spaces. This enabled us to welcome the Redeemed Christian Church of God to our family of 'community partners'.
- **Urgent repairs to collapsed ceilings** in the hall toilets and the former Nursery Rooms.
- **Reclamation of the 'Green Room'** (the room behind the stage) as a useable and useful space - enabling another new 'community partner' to join us (Solent Male Voice Choir).
- **Various fire safety measures,** including new smoke detection in the upper rooms, and the fitting of new panic bars to hall doors.

WHAT'S BEING DONE NOW?

As this leaflet goes to press, the following work is underway:

- **Refurbishment of upstairs toilet**
- **Re-glazing of internal hall doors**
- **Damp-prevention trenches around the outer walls**
- **Re-roofing of the hall toilets block** (and replacement of the rotten 'sky-light')
- **New flooring in the hall kitchen**
- **Refurbishment of the former Nursery Rooms** (now called the Junior Programme Suite) - painting and flooring
- **Replacement of light fittings in the hall**
- **Transfer of maintenance storage** to outside garden hut.

WHAT'S NEXT ON THE AGENDA

Over the coming few months, we expect to make some giant leaps forward on some key Pallant Centre issues. In particular, we will:

- **Refurbish the Hall Toilets** and create a new disabled-accessible toilet, and improved storage.
- **Replace the missing rear fire escape**
- **Replace the heating system** to the upper floors of Church House
- **Tackle the endemic damp problems** of this ancient building
- **Begin replacing rotten windows and doorways**

LONGER TERM PLANS

In the long term, we have many plans which will improve the Pallant Centre for generations to come, including complete refurbishment of the garden, the construction of a new entrance 'atrium', developing long-term daily use of the ground floor of Church House and much more besides!