

# Broughton St Mary's Parish Church

## Who Are We?

### The Building:

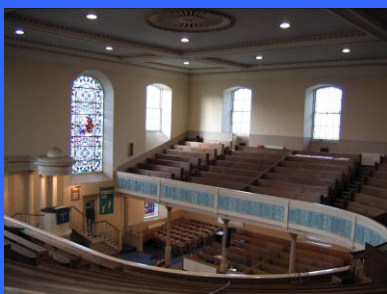
Broughton St Mary's Parish Church is a Grade A listed building situated on the boundary of the New Town in Edinburgh. It was commissioned by the Town Council of Edinburgh in 1824 as one of the last burgh churches to be built for the Church of Scotland in the New Town which itself was developed between 1776 and 1840. The New Town Conservation Area is included within Edinburgh's World Heritage Site which was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites list in 1995.

The Church is situated in the northern part of the New Town and was designed uniquely as the central feature of an unspoilt crescent. The building has an impressive pedimented classical frontage and Gibbsian spire. The Church's construction is both of high quality and relatively low maintenance, with an impressive stone and triple vaulted entrance hall. An attractive garden is at the rear. The building is undoubtedly a landmark. However its general condition, the standard of external and internal access, and limited provision of toilets are no longer acceptable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The parish boundary, which spans both the Georgian New Town and later urban developments, encloses the second highest populated parish in the Presbytery of Edinburgh.

Broughton St Mary's seeks to increase its service to a growing parish. An essential step in achieving this is the redevelopment of its Georgian church in Bellevue Crescent to provide modern facilities for all.

Robert Stevenson, the lighthouse engineer and grandfather of Robert Louis Stevenson, was an elder of St Mary's. His grandson was born nearby and went to school in the parish.



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## The Congregation:

*'The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord'*

Samuel Stone's hymn is nearly 140 years old now, but it is as relevant to Broughton St Mary's today as it was when it was written in 1866. Our Business Plan demonstrates that the foundation of our congregation's faith is as solid as its numbers, steadily increasing at a time of global decline of churches of all denominations. Yet it is the physical foundations of our Church at Broughton St Mary's that are limiting our growth, and our potential to both the congregation and local community.

Jesus said, *'anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock'.*

At Broughton St Mary's we strive to ground all our work in the words we hear from Christ. From his teaching and example we have identified our five purposes of: -

- **WORSHIP**
- **DISCIPLESHIP**
- **SERVICE,**
- **FELLOWSHIP**
- **EVANGELISM**

These purposes drive the work of our Church. We now want our building to be built on those same strong foundations and equipped to serve Christ's purposes as we have identified them. By the wise work we do here we intend our Church building to be built on the same rock we all aim to build our lives on.

Broughton St Mary's offers a service to our parish, which whilst based on the traditional tenets of the Church of Scotland, likewise reflects the vibrancy, technology and theological teachings of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This blend of old and new provides direction and comfort to our local community in often troubled times, and is attracting increasing numbers of parishioners of all ages and backgrounds.

Our Church is now in real need of further development to allow us to expand our congregation, and to take the Christian message out into the community. What we offer is of relevance to people today, but we need a Church that can support us in this mission, and so we seek financial help to develop Broughton St Mary's to meet these exciting challenges and opportunities.



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## The Community:

### **Broughton St Mary's Church - Today**

Broughton St Mary's Church has been an active part of the local community in the Bellevue/Broughton area of Edinburgh for over 175 years. The congregation is enthusiastic and lively, supporting many activities, including: -

- Sunday worship
- Bible study
- Children's Sunday Club and Holiday Clubs
- The Guild
- Mission work in other parts of the world
- Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Beavers
- Scottish Country Dancers
- The Free Church Continuing and the Bellevue Baptist Church
- Carpet bowlers
- Scrabble Club
- Concert and choir activities

### **Broughton St Mary's Church - the Future**

Community access is one of the priorities of our project. Our aim is to create a building which will be at the heart of the 21<sup>st</sup> century community, providing flexible facilities for a range of activities throughout the week: -

- Adult education classes
- Youth groups
- Summer/Winter Fairs
- Coffee mornings
- Exercise/dance classes
- Festival Fringe events and local theatrical groups
- Talks (eg local history groups)
- Local support groups (eg slimming groups)
- Exhibitions
- Coffee Shop
- Leasing space to local nursery and /or charity for week-day use, providing the Church with a permanent income.

Scotland Street, home of the Alexander McCall Smith series "44 Scotland St", lies immediately behind Broughton St Mary's





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## **Teens Reach Out:**

The re-development project has given us the opportunity to extend our relationship with Canonmills School, a special school for children excluded from mainstream education, by creating a space within our building for an education and training facility. The proposal is that we work in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council to provide a facility for the Leavers' service of Canonmills School and an essential programme for NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people. The shared aim is to provide opportunities to help young, deprived and excluded people in our city break the cycles of addiction and abuse that have shaped their early years.

The renovated church rooms would provide a base for planned activities allowing the young people to gain experience and qualifications in areas such as catering, child care, enterprise, IT, citizenship and religious and moral education. Twenty four pupils would use the meeting rooms as classrooms and would also be trained to work in the kitchen, the café, the playgroup and the office. This would provide facilities for the neighbourhood as well as training young people and giving them actual experience in business enterprise, management, work and citizenship. This would give the teenagers invaluable hands-on experience and would engage young people with low self-esteem in the learning process. With the experience and qualifications gained, a young person could be supported in seeking employment and supported during employment as part of the programme.

An application is being submitted to the Big Lottery Fund for the running costs of a pilot scheme which, if successful, would be taken forward and funded by the City of Edinburgh.

It remains the case, however, that without the capital funding the space for this facility simply will not exist and a great opportunity will be lost. It is the special nature of the partnership with our Church which creates all the varied opportunities for NEET and the Leavers' Service. This is a chance-in-a-lifetime for young people who have not had many chances up until now and one we would not like to miss.

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## What Are We Trying to Achieve?

**The complete redevelopment of the Church building to provide the Parish with 21<sup>st</sup> century facilities within a 19<sup>th</sup> century structure.**

The work begins with preparatory investigations of the site - with bore holes, archaeology and surveys. The critical features of the work are the excavation of the soft sandstone foundation in the lower floor level to create more space to house facilities *and* the installation of stairway, lift and ramp access to that level. The wonderful interior of the sanctuary will be transformed with new lighting, flooring and a new decoration scheme.

The work can be summarised as follows:

**Ground Floor level:** provision of disabled external access to Church, improvements to lighting and decoration, installation of internal stairs and disabled lift to lower level, toilets, electrical upgrade, glass inner doors and sanctuary lighting. Paving and lighting of strip of land running alongside north of Church giving access to rear of Church and garden.

**Lower ground floor level:** excavation of basement level, re-location of boiler, new store rooms, electrical upgrade, room refurbishments, upgrade of kitchen and new toilets. Provision of disabled access internally from floor above and externally via new ramp from the north side.

**First Floor:** upgrade rooms.

**Garden:** improved access via rear entrance to lower ground floor level and to garden, creation of garden room and garden redesign.

**Roof Space:** internal works to improve maintenance access.

**External Fabric:** minor refurbishment and repairs.

St Mary's was the last burgh church to be built in the New Town, and the clock is still maintained and wound weekly by the City of Edinburgh.

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## How Much Will it Cost?

Delivery of the project will be phased. The costs of the first phase are detailed below. In the first phase we have prioritised the proposed building work with an initial focus on the lower ground floor, which will give the greatest benefits to the community.

Specifically, phase one will include the works listed on the previous page under the headings **lower ground floor level** and **external fabric**. If we can exceed our target of £1.7M and raise a further £300K we will also complete the works listed under the heading **garden**.

The result of our work will be a church with its external architectural heritage preserved, its historic ground floor interior retained but with a suite of spaces below that will meet the needs of church and community groups.

Preparatory Work	34,000
Building Work, comprising:	1,125,000
Lower Ground	741,000
Ground Floor	113,000
First Floor	27,000
External Fabric Repairs	244,000
Inflation	50,513
Warrant / Planning Fee	6,000
Professional Fees	292,000
Furniture	15,000
VAT	122,660
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	1,645,173

**APPROX TOTAL:      £1,700,000**

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## How Long Will It Take?

Main building work is expected to start in August 2008 once financial targets are achieved and funding has been provided or promised. Estimated completion will be Winter 2009.

## How Will We Fund It?

We need to raise £1,700,000 in order to complete phase one.

We aim to raise approximately 60% from our own resources.

### From the Congregation:

Membership appeal  
and sale of Church Centre - 1,000,000

### From External Sources:

Grant Making Bodies  
and other organisations - 700,000

If we raised £1,000,000 from grant making bodies, matching our own resources, we would also be able to extend phase one to include the garden works.



### OUR BANKERS

Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Edinburgh Blenheim Place

Account No: 00755015  
Account Name: Broughton St Mary's Parish Church  
Sort Code: 83-18-24

International Account No (IBAN): GB20RBOS83182400755015  
IBAN BIC: RBOSGB2L

All monies received are then transferred into a separate interest bearing account held by the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland. The account 560100082 has been designated to hold funds which will be applied solely to the approved redevelopment of the Broughton St. Mary's Parish Church building.



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## Who are our Project Patrons?

### **Royal Patron**

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh,  
KG, KT

### **Patrons**

Very Reverend James Harkness KCVO CB OBE MA DD

Admiral Sir John Kerr GCB DL

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Eileen McCallum

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### **Architect**

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