

Inside@Out



Newsletter 1

January 2006

New Town, New Church

At Broughton St Mary's we strive to ground all we do in the words Christ speaks to us. Our five purposes of worship, discipleship, service, fellowship and evangelism, found in his words, drive the work of our Church as well as the lives of all Christians. It is these words we wish to literally build upon as we embark upon the upgrading, redevelopment and restoration of our building.

These purposes drive everything we do within the church building, but, as our title 'Inside Out' suggests, we are hoping this project will enable us to take our work and our identity out into the wider community.

At the moment our identity is weakened working from two sites. By selling the church centre and bringing our congregation and associated groups together in one location we have the opportunity to create a more visible presence within the community. Although we will be providing essential facilities, including disabled access, for all the groups currently using the church centre, the project is aiming to create an exciting space that will enable us to reach out and realise our goal of becoming a 'purpose driven church'.

The Church building, where our congregation worships, is where we reach out from and it is a building we desire to draw people to. We have identified our purposes, which are the purposes of Christ's ministry and we require a building that will allow us to fulfil them. 'Inside' we are determined and faithful followers of Christ. Now we must do what is required to facilitate the taking of what we have Inside, Out!

Joanne Hood, Minister



Bringing Faith to Life

To allow us to further our commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ and his work in our community, we need to use our time, talents and treasures to make our vision for the future a reality.

This programme of events has already started with the planned sale of the church centre but there is the need for an event that will engage our whole congregation in the project and create a sense of unity that will be critical to its success. This event will be held on 12 MAY 2006 in the form of a FAMILY MEAL

You Are Personally Invited ...

to attend a Family Meal on Friday May 12 2006 (exactly 182 ½ years since the opening of the church on Bellevue Crescent). There will be no charge for attendance and it is open to people of all ages.

This evening of fine fellowship and food will launch our congregational fundraising programme whilst also allowing us a chance to understand the challenges and opportunities facing Broughton St Mary's and explore the ways we can all be inspired to move our church and our worship forward.

It will also be an occasion allowing us to enhance our relationships with the church and each other, enabling us to forge new bonds and look to the future together with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

The format of the meal will be detailed in our future newsletters, but make sure you mark this date in the diary as it promises to be a truly special evening.

Key Contacts

If you have questions about our development programme, please contact:

- Joanne Hood, Minister, 556 7313
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Feel free to request information on any aspect of the programme.



Inside Out Will Make A Difference!

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

Matthew 7:24

Key Dates

- Newsletter 2
February 2006
- Newsletter 3
March 2006
- Invitation to Family
Meal April 2006
- FAMILY MEAL
12 May 2006

Prayer

Lord, in the beginning was the Word.

The Word was with you, and was you, and through him all things came into being.

Upon that Word we now strive to build not just our lives but also our church. That Word defines our purposes.

That Word gives us vision. That Word forms our strong foundations.

Help us now, to cultivate a bright future, to be driven by our purposes and to realize our potential all through building upon that Word.

Lord, we have heard and received your Word, now we build upon it, for we want to be the wise ones who build on our Lord, the Rock!