

Inside@Out



Newsletter 4

Autumn 2006

Oh What A Night

After months of prayer, planning and preparation the official launch of the Inside Out development programme took place on 12 May 2006. The family meal held in Drummond Community High School brought together over 150 congregational members and friends to share a wonderful evening of fellowship and food. As well as learning about the future plans for the church we were all thoroughly entertained with music, a brilliant DVD and lively presentations from both the adults and children. In the weeks that followed, there was a lot of positive talk about both the redevelopment plans and the family meal and how much everybody enjoyed the night.

At the meal, everybody was given a brochure and pledge card to take away. The follow up team have since received generous commitments of support. To date, nearly **£105,000** (including Gift Aid) has been pledged by the congregation. By now most of the individual responses to the pledges have been sent out, in order that the appropriate methods of giving can be set up. This has been a huge task and the follow up team have worked very hard to deal with all of the responses. If you have received a letter and have yet to take action please do so as soon as you can. Liz and Stuart Brown are happy to help if you have any questions.



Thank You

The Inside Out Appeal Planning Group particularly wish to thank:

- Drummond Community High School
- Speakers Rev Jim Jack & Rev Dr Robin Hill
- Musicians & Children's Entertainer
- All those who helped set up the venue and serve the meal
- All the visitors who personally distributed invitations to, and hosted tables at the family meal
- All of you who came to the family meal and made it such a success
- All those who returned their pledge cards and gave so generously
- Liz and Stuart Brown for their ongoing hard work responding to your pledges

If you still have to return your pledge card or wish to make a donation, it is never too late. Your contribution will make a real difference.

Looking Forward

The sale of the Church Centre is in progress and we hope to bring you further details on the funds raised soon.

The grants and trusts team have been very busy. They have finalised their brochure and begun selecting and approaching trusts for funding.

The focus of the Appeal Planning Group is currently the Community Appeal which is due to take place in November. This will reach the groups that use the church, local people in the parish, community organisations and businesses. The Community Appeal will consist of a week long exhibition through which we will share the vision for our building and our Church, engaging more people with the Inside Out development programme. There will also be a number of presentations throughout the week aimed at specific interest groups.

In the spring of next year the Appeal Planning Group are organising an event for the congregation to update everyone and celebrate the progress we have made. Watch out for further details in the next quarterly newsletter.

Key Contacts

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

- Joanne Hood, Minister, 556 7313
- Dick Smith, Project Management Group, 556 4743

Feel free to request information on any aspect of the programme.



Keeping The Faith

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt... you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.'

Matthew 21:21-22

Key Dates

- Community Appeal: Open Week 19-25 November 2006
- Community Appeal: Presentations 23 & 24 November 2006
- Congregational Update Spring 2007

Your Feedback

Noted comments following the family meal included:

"It was a lovely atmosphere in the hall"

"The presentations were superb, so clear and easy to understand"

"The DVD was just superb"

Comments by visitors from other churches included:

"Thanks for giving us the confidence to go ahead with our project. We can now see that anything is possible!"