

Inside Out

Garden Room Appeal



Newsletter 8

May 2009

Support To Inspire Us!

As a result of the response to the appeal to date, work is now well underway on the lower ground floor. The new spaces are beginning to take shape and the possibilities they present for us are now materialising.

Earlier this year the point was reached when a decision was required on whether to begin work on the garden room as part of this phase. Whilst there was a shortfall in funding required to complete the garden room, it was recognised that to include it in this phase was the most cost effective option. The garden room was also the element of the project that most captured the imagination of the congregation. It will provide additional space that will expand the range of possibilities for the building, will improve access to the rear and enable us to make better use of the garden as a whole.

The Kirk Session had to take all these factors in to account when considering the decision to proceed.



Our Response

Following the generosity of the General Trustees, which allowed us to proceed with the garden room, we are embarking upon a series of home gatherings. Members and adherents of the congregation will be invited to small gatherings in members' homes to hear about the garden room development and the exciting possibilities it presents for us and our future.

At the end of the evening we will be invited to consider our part in supporting this important project. It is also an opportunity for the newest members of our worshipping community to learn about the Inside Out development programme and be given the opportunity to contribute to its success.

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Recognising the value and importance of this opportunity they instructed a delegation to attend a meeting with the General Trustees of the Church of Scotland to discuss the project and funding required.

When we met with the General Trustees they required no convincing that now was the right time to do this work. They were very keen to understand what support was required to ensure that it went ahead. Having appreciated the financial position they were quick in coming forward with the offer of a loan facility on very favourable terms.

The Kirk Session were then informed of the outcome of the meeting and asked to make a final decision on whether or not to proceed. They voted unanimously to commence work on the garden room, accepting the loan facility from the General Trustees to be drawn down when required.

In taking this decision the Kirk Session were encouraged, and delighted, to be moving us forward in our aim to provide new spaces for the exciting work that lies ahead for Broughton St Mary's.

Key Contacts

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

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



Together We Can Rise To The Challenge

Jesus said, 'where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them'.

Matthew 18:20

Key Dates

- Invitation to home gatherings May 2009.
- Home gatherings 8-11 June 2009, 15-18 June 2009 and 22-25 June 2009.
- Response to appeal published August 2009.

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!