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Garden Room Appeal



Newsletter 9

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Celebrate Success!

During June, members of the congregation kindly offered their homes and hospitality to host thirteen house-groups. Nearly a hundred people attended these meetings.

Inspired by the artist's impressions shared at the meeting, we discussed together the possibilities and potential created by the Garden Room. The current funding position was explained and each person was asked to complete a card indicating their willingness to assist in meeting the funding shortfall. As a result of this a number of additional pledges were made.

Those who attended the house-groups will recall that the funding gap was estimated at about £220,000. It is great to report that the total pledged was just over £110,000 – which goes about half-way towards the final amount. This is a very generous response from the congregation.

There are still a number of pledges to be received and with the availability of the improved facilities we will have the opportunity to maximise the usage of our building, both of which will contribute towards the remaining funds required.



Generous Friends

Good news has been the decision by City of Edinburgh Council to convert our planned accessible toilet into a wet room. They are also funding the conversion of the strip of land to the north of the church to provide easy access to our new facilities for all potential users. They have put up £53,000 for these works which will be of great benefit to the whole parish.

In addition to this work we will be installing railings up the front steps of the church. This work has been funded by a grant from the Presbytery of Edinburgh. With the generous assistance of an anonymous donor we will also reinstate the original window on the rear staircase landing.

Rooms For Improvement

The project is going well. Excavation of the lower ground floor has created a new suite of rooms at the garden level including new toilets and milling spaces. The new boiler location has also freed up space in the former guild room. The teething problems we are experiencing with the commissioning of the boiler



will be overcome and must not overshadow the superb work done by the main contractor John Dennis &

Co and the sub-contractors. The revitalised rooms in their new colours with increased natural light are very different from the dark and gloomy rooms some may recall. The new stairs and lift down from the south vestibule will delight many people.

We are on time to complete the lower ground floor by the end of November. The Garden Room, which started later, should be completed by mid December.

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.



And Now We Bear Fruit

'He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.'

Deuteronomy 26: 9-10

Every Little Helps

Remember, it is never too late to make a pledge for a one off or a regular amount or to extend an existing pledge.

Pledge cards are available from Brian Duffin or Stuart Brown.

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!