

PLANS & PLANNING PROGRESS

Our planning application will be presented to the Planning Committee on Wednesday March 9.

A computerised walk-through was submitted as part of the planning application to show how the church elevation will be affected. The walk-through can be seen on the website, www.projecttwentyone.net. A key point in the design of the foyer is that the glass will not touch the stone work – there will be a tiny gap. This is in accordance with international standards for the development of historic buildings and we are hopeful that this tweak to the design will help the application to be approved.

PLEDGING

The end of the tax year is approaching and you only have a few weeks left if you want to allocate your giving to Gift Aid in this tax year. If you have submitted a pledge form but need more information/clarification in order to start fulfilling your pledge, then contact Emma Vardy, Project 21 Project Manager, on 0131 556 1335 or emma@pandgchurch.org.uk. The following may help:

- Cheques: please make payable to Project 21; put them in the Project 21 envelopes in the pews and drop into the offering baskets (don't forget to put your name and address on the envelope) or post to the church office.
- Standing orders: please send completed Standing Order forms to the office (address below). Do not forget to include your name and address.

If you have not yet completed a Pledge Form but want to do so, please pick up a Pledge Pack from the Project 21 information point, or download it from the web site, www.projecttwentyone.net.

Project 21 envelopes: if you are using Project 21 envelopes to submit donations, please remember to put your **name and address** on the envelope.

PRAYER POINTS

Please continue to pray for the planning process:

- give thanks for the architect's creative skills which have brought the application to this stage
- pray that our application is well received by the councillors on Wednesday March 9th
- pray for a positive outcome and approval for our plans
- pray that Historic Scotland's issues are resolved
- pray for the newly appointed Design Team as they start to add detail to the plans and prepare the building warrant application
- pray that we keep focussed on God and His vision

FUNDRAISING — RECYCLING APPEAL

Here's an easy way to support Project 21 & help the environment – and it won't cost you a penny! We've joined the Recycling Appeal which pays money for old mobile phones and printer cartridges.

Simply drop off any of your old mobile phones, chargers and phone batteries, plus used printer inkjet and toner cartridges at the Project 21 Information Point and we'll do the rest. You could even see if friends, family, neighbours or work colleagues would like to throw anything our way! If you want to set up your own collection point on our behalf, then email project21@pandgchurch.org.uk or fill in a feedback form at the Project 21 Information Point. For more information see the website, www.recyclingappeal.com.

See overleaf for more fundraising news.

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BULLETIN

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TIMELINE

The Design team appointments are almost complete. There is no confirmed project timeline yet, but the current view is that building work will start in the late summer/early autumn.

RELOCATION

There is no decision yet on where we will be going, but St. Stephens Centre, Stockbridge, is still being investigated, along with St. Mary's Cathedral, in Palmerston Place. A new option being explored is St. James House, behind the St. James centre. A number of schools have been looked at and discounted because they do not have the appropriate space. We also have commercial estate agents trying to find a suitable venue for us.

DESIGN TEAM

The Design team members being appointed are:

- Lee Boyd: Architects
- RSP Consulting Engineers: utilities, heating, lighting, power etc
- SKM Anthony Hunts: Structural engineers
- Eric Marchant: Fire safety management
- Andrew McLellan: Quantity surveyor

An acoustics engineer is still to be appointed.

NEW TO THE CHURCH?

Are you new to St Paul's and St George's and wondering what Project 21 is? If so, please visit the Project 21 Information Point in church or visit the website at www.projecttwentyone.net

FUNDRAISING — ADVENTURE DAY

Have you got an adventurous spirit and want to raise funds for Project 21?

We would like to sign-up volunteers for an adventure day, but we need to know who is interested so that we can confirm a date. You would have to raise a minimum sponsorship of £75 for each event you register for and a deposit will be payable when you confirm that you are coming.

Events on offer include:

Sphere Mania

Tumble down a Perthshire hillside in a giant ball! This is the very experience you've been waiting for. The 12ft sphere is fitted with two harnesses so that you can experience this thrill of a lifetime with a friend. Climb inside the chamber and hold your breath as you tumble down at great speed! Two rolls and you'll be addicted - described by one participant as "truly the best thing I have ever done", sphering has to be experienced to be believed.

Free Abseiling and Rap Running

A great land activity, suitable for all abilities and levels of expertise. Starting off with a straight-forward abseil, you will get the chance to slowly build up your confidence – to the final descent using the technique "rap running". Rap running is very similar to abseiling except you descend the rock face *forwards!* Instructors will make sure that your experience is enjoyable but above all safe – you are not encouraged to do more than you are comfortable with.

River Bugs – dodgems through the rapids!

A cross between a white water raft and an armchair, river bugs are a single person craft, made up of inflatable chambers behind and beside the user. These chambers ensure that you stay on top of the water, while extra thick padding turns colliding with rocks into a low-impact dodgems ride. After learning a few basic skills, you will be able to run the rapids, catch eddies, surf standing waves and even pirouette!

Canyoning

A relatively new sport to Scotland, but one that is rapidly growing in popularity. Canyoning is hard to describe, however the "descent of a two mile stretch of white water through a 350ft gorge", seems to encapsulate a wee bit of what it involves. One example is Craighall Gorge – a spectacular canyon through which the River Erich makes its natural course. From entering the river, your journey involves adrenalin pumping swimming through rapids, jumping from cliffs, rock scrambling and navigating huge waterfalls. The scenery can only be described as awesome and the experience unique. If you are looking for a new challenge – this tops them all!

Parental Note

Unfortunately there is an age limit to the activities. The recommended minimum age is 14, but this is at the discretion of the guides who will take other factors into account such as height, weight and build. If you want your children to take part in activities, please let us know their ages and interests and we will try to arrange something for them.

What do I do next?

Can't wait? Email your details, including your availability for weekends in May and June, to project21@pandgchurch.org.uk or fill in a feedback form at the Project 21 Information Point, or on the website, www.projecttwentyone.net. Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

We'll organise the day – you just need to do the rest!