

PLANS & PLANNING PROGRESS

We are waiting for a decision on our planning application. All the reports have now been completed and information submitted. Discussions have included subjects such as sight lines for our neighbours, landscaping, proper care of historical items and re-siting of memorials. We now await the council's decision which we hope will be in the next few weeks.

PROJECT 21 EXECUTIVE TEAM

Douglas McCormick will be leaving the Project 21 Executive due to work relocation to London. Douglas headed up the Building section of the Project, liaising with the architects and other members of the design team. The search is now on for a suitable replacement for Douglas.

PLEDGING

If you have not yet pledged support for Project 21 but want to do so, then please pick up a Pledge Pack from the Project 21 information point, or download it from the website, www.projecttwentyone.net.

If you have submitted a pledge form but need more information or 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 either in the Project 21 envelopes in the pews and drop in the offering baskets (don't forget to put your name and address on the envelope) or post to the church office (address below).
- Standing orders: please send completed forms in to the office.

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

- Give thanks for the £630,000 given so far and for the continued growth in pledging.
- Give thanks for the work done by Douglas McCormick on the project which has greatly helped us to get to this stage; pray for the Vestry and Executive as they seek a suitable replacement.
- Pray for the planning decision, that our application is well received by the councillors; pray for a positive outcome and approval for our plans.
- Pray for the Executive team and Project 21 Co-ordinator, Emma Vardy, as the search continues for a suitable relocation venue; pray for encouragement, ideas, vision and focus to finalise this aspect of the project.

FUNDRAISING — RECYCLING APPEAL

Don't throw away your old mobile phones and printer cartridges — use them to support Project 21 & help the environment at the same time. Project 21 has signed up to 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 also encourage friends, family, neighbours or work colleagues to pass on any old items they have. 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

Delays in the planning process have effected the proposed time-line, with the current start date now likely to be in the autumn. The timing cannot be finalised until the planning process has been completed.

Ground and structural surveys continue to take place and the architects have been meeting members of congregation to gather information about requirements for the kitchen and sound & visual systems. They are to have further meetings to discuss disabled access and environmental issues in the near future.

RELOCATION

The decision on where we will move to while building work is going on has been given top priority by the Project 21 Executive. St. Stephens Centre, Stockbridge, is still being investigated in conjunction with the nearby Edinburgh Academy, which would provide classroom space for the children's and youth activities.

STONEMWORK RENOVATION

Plans are underway to start work on Phase 4 of the stone renovation for the church building. This final phase will cover the western elevation of the church. Work is due to begin in July and be completed before Project 21 building work starts.

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. Originally the event was planned for May but has now been postponed until September, so there's still time to sign up. 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 Ericht 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 September, 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!