

PLANS & PLANNING PROGRESS

Exactly a year and a day after Vestry decided to go ahead with Project 21, a major hurdle was overcome when planning permission was finally received from Edinburgh City Council. The council's planning committee gave approval to the application at its meeting on June 15th.

The decision followed a site visit to St Paul's and St George's to give committee members an opportunity to view the church hall roof, which had been included in Historic Scotland's objection.

We hope and pray that Historic Scotland will now withdraw their objection; otherwise, the application will be referred to a statutory body for final approval.

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 good news on planning permission and for the prayers which have been answered. Continue to pray that Historic Scotland's issues may be resolved and that they withdraw their objections.
- Give thanks for the generous support already received for Project 21, for the pledges which have been fulfilled and for the continued growth in pledging.
- Continue to pray for a suitable venue for relocation and that the right premises can be secured soon.
- Pray for Vestry and the Project 21 Executive who will continue to work on Project 21 during the summer months.

FUNDRAISING

BOOK NOW FOR PIANO RECITAL

A piano recital is being held at the home of the Craig family in September to raise funds for Project 21 and Bethany Christian Trust, a charity for homeless and vulnerable people.

The recital, on Saturday September 24th, is being given by Sharon Lex, who will perform works by Haydn, Schubert, Chopin and Debussy. Tickets cost £50 per person and include a champagne reception and dinner.

Places are limited and can be booked at the Project 21 Information Point.

RECYCLING

Don't forget your old mobile phones, batteries and printer cartridges have a value – leave them in the box at the Project 21 Information Point and we'll do the rest!

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FINANCES

Current pledges received now total £568,183, which will increase to £713,715 once the reclaimed tax is received. We also have a portfolio of pledged shares worth £120,000.

GIFTING SHARES

Project 21 now has an account at Gerrard Ltd for those who would like to gift shares. If you would like to donate in this way, please contact Mr Gordon Lawrie, Investment Manager at Gerrard on 0131 240 4000. Please call Emma Vardy if you have any questions.

RELOCATION

Top priority is still being given to finding a suitable location for us while building work is going on. Various venues are being considered which can meet our needs for a large meeting space plus smaller break-out rooms for youth and children's work.

HOLIDAY NOTE

Due to the summer period when many people are away on holiday, the next Project 21 Bulletin will be August/September. Watch the website and Project 21 notice board for any updates.

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