

# WE'VE GOT PLANNING PERMISSION!

The Project 21 drawings have finally received the rubber stamp of approval from the planning authorities.

Although Edinburgh City Council had given its go-ahead to our plans at the end of June, a condition of the approval was that the Scottish Executive had to review the decision. This was primarily due to the objections from Historic Scotland.

However, after considering the case, the Scottish Executive has announced that it supports the council's decision and full planning permission has now been given.

This means the project can now move forward to the tender stage with greater confidence, but there are still a couple of other hurdles to cross:

- The architects and design team are working with building control to secure the building warrant for the plans, with the main area of work focused on safety in the event of a fire.
- The Project 21 Executive is in the process of seeking approval from the Diocesan Buildings and Advisory Committee for the plans; for our proposals for some of the interior features which are going to be removed; and for the memorials which will be re-sited within the church.

# AND WE'VE GOT SOMEWHERE TO GO!

A new temporary home has finally been secured for us to move into, while building work is carried out.

Edinburgh University's Pollock Halls, on Dalkeith Road, will become the new meeting place for the 10.45am and 7pm congregations from Sunday 15th January 2006. The 9.15am and the Wednesday communion services will be held at 40 York Place.

The services at Pollock Halls will be held in South Hall, with a range of other rooms available to us for the children's and youth work.

Further details about facilities at the halls and directions will be available later.

# FUNDRAISING

We still have some way to go on the fundraising side of Project 21, with more than £1m still needed. To help us on our way there are two events planned for the near future which you may want to support and invite friends and family to.

## PIANO RECITAL

A piano recital is being held on Saturday 24th September to raise funds for Project 21 and Bethany Christian Trust, a charity for homeless and vulnerable people.

The recital is being given by Sharon Stanley-Lex, who will perform works by Haydn, Schubert, Chopin and Debussy. Tickets cost £50 per person and include champagne reception and dinner.

Places are limited and can be booked at the Information Point in church.

## CEILIDH

If you want a preview of our new home, then why not raise funds and have fun at the same time by going to a Ceilidh at Pollock Halls on Saturday 1st October with the Scotch-snap Ceilidh Band. Tickets cost £8, concession and family tickets available. Purchase them at the Welcome Desk at the back of church, or contact Noranne Ellis on 0131 343 2956 or email [noranne\\_ellis@hotmail.com](mailto:noranne_ellis@hotmail.com).

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# SUPPORTERS' EVENING

A Project 21 Supporters' Evening is being held in church on Wednesday 28th September. It's a chance for Vestry and the Project 21 Executive to say a big thank you for all your support and give you the latest updates on how finances are going, where we are with the building process and what lies ahead over the coming months. Keep the evening free – time to be confirmed.

# NEWCOMERS

Not sure what Project 21 is about? We'd like to invite you to come along to one of our presentation evenings to learn about the background to the project and get an update on where we are now and our plans for the future. The events are being held on Monday 3rd October and Wednesday 5th October. Times and venue will be confirmed later, but please pencil one of the dates in your diary now.