

NEW PROJECT COST

Thanks for your patience and trust over the last few months. As promised, we want to keep you updated with the new total cost for Project 21.

Just under two years ago the estimated cost for Project 21 was £3.75-£4 million. This has now risen to a new estimate of at least £5.6 million, for a number of reasons, including:

- inflation;
- the cost of oil and raw materials, such as steel, increasing significantly in world markets;
- the complexity of building in such a confined site, as confirmed by the tender process. The construction of the new hall behind the church has proved to be especially problematic.

The current figure has been achieved through intensive cost negotiations over the last six weeks which have reduced the original tender submissions by nearly half a million pounds. This revised figure still includes the total build cost, professional fees, fixtures and fittings, relocation costs and the proposed church plant.

The new total will now be the focus of a second Pledge Day in November 2006, when we will be asking all church members to review their support for Project 21. The figure does not include the cost of any potential borrowing; after Pledge Day, we can identify any possible shortfall.

The design for the balconies, new church hall and glass foyer have been frozen and will only change if we could realise further reductions in the cost.

CONTRACTOR CHOSEN

Following the tender process and rounds of negotiations, Clark Contracts has been awarded the Project 21 build contract. The legal process is now underway to complete the formal paperwork before building work commences. Further information about the company can be found on their website at www.clarkcontracts.com (but please do not contact the contractor direct). If you have any questions, please contact Emma Vardy, Project 21 Co-ordinator, at the church office or on emma@pandgchurch.org.uk

START DATE

The start date for the building work is still unknown and is dependent on securing the correct permissions from Edinburgh City Council. Lee Boyd, our architects, are busy obtaining a Demolition Warrant to take down the church hall and have been in lengthy discussions with Building Control regarding our application for a Building Warrant. Unfortunately, the delays have been due to necessary changes to some of the design elements, for fire safety reasons.

The faithfulness of church members throughout the planning and tender process has given Vestry and the Project 21 Executive much confidence when dealing with builders, architects and the bank over the last few months. Thank you for this and for your continued prayer.

FUNDRAISING

Congregation challenge

A challenge for all church members is to think of up to five people who are former members of St Paul's and St George's Church and may be happy to support Project 21. Please think of all the people you know who have benefitted from the worship, teaching and support of our church, and let us know who they are. We would like to have as many names and addresses as possible by Sunday 28th May. Please **complete the form overleaf** and leave your suggestions at the Welcome Desk, or email them to Emma Vardy on emma@pandgchurch.co.uk

Thanks

To Kairen Bergius who has raised £85 for Project 21 by organising a fashion event afternoon in No. 40.

Pews

A few more pews have been sold, including four to the Isle of Mull. Some people have also purchased floor tiles, raising an extra £580.

Notelets

Packs of eight blank notelets, showing floor tile designs from the church, are available from the Project 21 Information Point on Sunday 7th May, priced £2.50 per pack.

Income

Project 21 income to date now stands at £1,668,152. We have therefore received 58% of the total pledged in November 2004.





CONGREGATION CHALLENGE: FORMER MEMBERS

Your name: _____

Your contact details: _____

Former members who may support Project 21 are (please complete **name** and **current address**):

1. (IN CAPS) _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____