

BUILDING PROGRESS

Building work is going at quite a pace, compared to the slow progress over the summer, and the new interiors are beginning to take shape. The balconies are now up – and definitely have the wow! factor. The roof of the extension and exterior walls are now being finished, so it's nearly wind and watertight for internal work to begin over the winter months.

The busy building site means it is not currently safe to arrange visits. However, we are making a video tour of the building which will be shown at this year's AGM on December 2nd. In the meantime, please see the latest pictures on the web site: www.projecttwentyone.net.

The turn around in progress has raised confidence in the current schedule and we are now looking forward to the final countdown to our return next year. Please pray for continued good progress, no major delays to the schedule and no further personnel changes, following the departure of our third Clark's site manager.

PRAYER & INFORMATION MEETINGS

The next Project 21 Prayer and Information Evenings will be:

- Thursday November 29th
- Wednesday January 30th

Both will be at 40 York Place, starting at 8pm.

FUNDRAISING

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

When doing your Christmas shopping, please consider buying online using the Project 21 webshop at <http://buy.at/project21> where you can purchase goods and a percentage of the sale price goes to Project 21. The retailers include John Lewis, The Early Learning Centre, Marks & Spencer's, Amazon, Game, HMV and lots more.

As an added bonus, we could also win up to £1,000 if we have more transactions than any other buy.at webshop. All purchases between November 1st and January 31st count. We'll also receive commission as normal – even more reason to use the webshop this Christmas!

TRUST FUNDS

Applications have been made to a number of Trust Funds but we have had no positive response to date. Thanks are due to the team who put together the applications for the range of funds. Please pray for any trustees making decisions regarding our applications.

There's money still to be raised and loads of scope for more fundraising events. If you have an idea and want to discuss how you might turn it into a successful event, or don't have ideas but would like to help others, contact Andy Davis, the Project 21 fundraising co-ordinator, who is keen to talk to you. Email Andy at project21@pandgchurch.org.uk or call him on 0131 552 3333.

THANKS

A big thank you to the organisers of the Fair trade wine tasting evening, which raised just over £315. Also, the Edinburgh marathon might be over, but the fundraising is still running. The latest total is now £12,623! This has increased by almost £4,000 since last reported. Once again, a big thanks to all who took part in the event and the team who supported them.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Our income total now stands at an amazing £4.6 million, which has passed our original estimates from the two pledge days – and we still have pledges being honoured. This is fantastic! Many thanks to those of you have honoured your pledges and continue to support Project 21.

Bank loan

Up until now we have had a healthy bank balance but the acceleration in building work means we expect to draw on the planned bank loan in January. We've always known that we would need a loan to manage the time difference between costs going out and pledges coming in, and hoped to minimise this gap. If anyone has not yet supported Project 21 or wants to change their giving to help us limit the loan, or delay its requirement, please contact Emma Vardy for a Pledge Pack (email emma@pandgchurch.org.uk).

COSTS

Primarily as a result of the extended building timetable, we are anticipating a rise in our project costs. At this stage exact costs are not known, but we do anticipate increases in a number of areas including:

- additional fees from the design team;
- increase in the cost of the audio visual equipment – the current figure is based on a three-year-old estimate;
- ongoing relocation costs.

All of the extra costs are unfortunately beyond our control, so please pray that they are kept to a minimum.

