

..if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. (Matthew 18:19)

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labour in vain who build it (Psalm 127:1)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Then you will look and be radiant...the wealth on the seas will be brought to you...the riches of the nations will come. (Isaiah 60:5)

More information needed? Speak to anyone on the Building & Vision Committee:- Chris Boyce; Ian Brown; Jack Finney; Jackie Meek; Lyn Boyce; Nigel Crook; Peter Stoddart and Stan Martin.

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.....

We have received the exciting news that planning permission has been granted for a new building for ECB. The building will serve as a worship centre & provide facilities for use as an outreach to the local community. We are now at the stage where the Church needs to start raising funds for the building works.

The total cost is estimated to be approximately £1.75m. This feels like an enormous task, but we firmly believe God wants this project to go ahead & that He will make it possible. As a church, we will be approaching individuals & organisations outside our congregation for donations & grants, but this gift day is the time to demonstrate our financial commitment to 'kick start' the project.

As individuals the Bible asks us to give sacrificially. Perhaps you can give a lump sum or give regularly through a standing order. It is hoped that people will be able to give over a period of four years & that as much as possible will be "gift aided".

Please take some time to pray & ask God to reveal how He would like you to be involved.

Please then complete the attached response slip & bring it with you on 8th June. If you will not be with us on this day, please return the slip to the address overleaf.

THANK YOU!

GIFT DAY RESPONSE SLIP & GIFT AID DECLARATION

I am excited about this project. I would like to show my commitment as follows:-

I intend to give £.....
each month/quarter for four years or
as a lump sum. I attach a cheque / I will
give this amount on(date)

I would like to make my gifts by:
Standing Order Cheque

I am a UK tax payer. Please treat all my gifts to ECB as Gift Aid donations

I commit to praying regularly for the project via email updates. My email address is

I have fundraising ideas which I would like to discuss with the Building & Vision Committee

I know people who may be interested in supporting this project

Title First name(s).....

Surname.....

Address.....

Post Code

Telephone no

Signed.....Date/.../.....

Completed forms will only be seen by the Treasurer, Peter Stoddart. Tel: 01869 244945



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What is the church building for?

A multiplicity of functions:-

1. A place to facilitate worship of God in the power of the Spirit glorifying Jesus. It will be a place for Emmanuel which means "God with us". People will find salvation and will "feel" the presence of God in the building as a house of prayer. It will be a place for weddings, baptisms and funerals. It will seek to accommodate existing patterns of worship as well as experimenting with fresh expressions of worship.

2. A place to bless the wider community by offering shelter for gathered functions consonant with the Christian ownership of the building. These may include wedding receptions, children's parties, venue for youth activities, toddler groups, residents' association meetings, barn dances, drama etc. A place for welcome and outreach with drop-in coffee facilities and Christian Bookshop, Alpha, marriage enrichment, family enrichment, debt and finance advice, counselling, lunch time clubs, after school clubs, and much more.

3. A symbol of Christian presence on the estate. Excellence in architecture is linked to glorifying God and witnessing to His best for His children and for the love He extends to all.

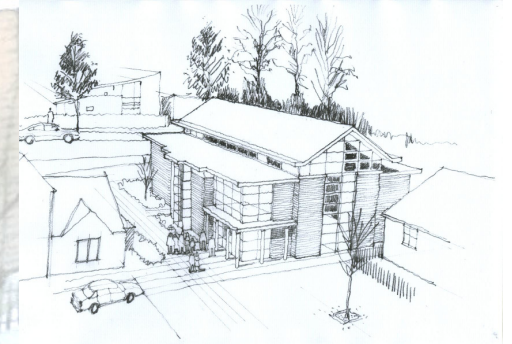
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New Church Building

First Gift Day

Sun 8th June 2008



The Vision:

Ensuring all find Christ's love and **Become** disciples.