

Church Improvement Update
August 2014

Our Million Pound Challenge

£1,000,000



Introducing the Steering Group

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Your Invitation to the Pledge Weekend

Dear Friends

Following the approval by the Kirk Session of the proposed church improvements, you are warmly invited to attend a Special Pledge Weekend on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September between 10am and 4pm where you will see detailed plans of what the church will look like after the improvements. Also on show will be displays from the various groups and clubs that currently use our premises.

Members of the steering committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have over the plans or regarding the pledges you are considering making. If you are unable to attend the pledge weekend and are willing to pledge your money, please speak to your elder and they will collect your pledge forms from you.

We look forward to welcoming you to the pledge weekend.
Every blessing to you all

Barbara Ann

Key Features

The following summarises the key features of the plan for completion of the church improvement project.

- Estimated Cost £1.2 million
- Design work by Wellwood Leslie Architect
- Internal fundraising 60% of cost over 5 years
 - From large and small ventures
 - From direct contributions including Gift Aid - see next page
 - Money available from our own finances at present - 10%
- External Grants 30% plus top up loan if required
- Steering Group to lead Improvement Project, with Session involved in decisions at key points in the project
- Risks and means of management identified

To date the total sum raised by the congregation is over £27,000 for the Dedicated Improvement fund
Minus £10,000 for the new chairs for the sanctuary
leaving a total of £17,000

The building work cannot start until the total funds required have been committed by the congregation and grant bodies.

The Steering Group would welcome suggestions from the congregation for Fund Raising Events.

So what does it mean for you?

We ask you to prayerfully consider the amount you are willing to pledge. e.g. £10/20/30/40/50 per month

Take an example of a monthly pledge

- If 200 donors pay an average of £20 per month, we shall raise £4,000 per month or £48,000 p.a. equalising £240,000 over 5 years.
- Tax recovered at 20% could add £48,000 giving a total of £288,000
- A annual lump sum can also be pledged
- You may also wish to consider leaving a legacy in your will to our church

You can of course donate annually or if you wish ask for monthly envelopes for the improvement fund which would be delivered to you. However, we would prefer all donations were made through the bank if possible.

Any funds raised will be additional to your weekly/monthly/annual givings to the church.