



Project Progress

As you will have seen, the specialist firm of contractors appointed to prepare the site for the main contractors started work as planned on 11 June and is making good progress. The site has been screened off neatly and a new gate inserted in the boundary fencing for those wishing to tend graves. We have now heard from each of the six builders invited to tender for the building work and the PCC have agreed a preferred contractor. However, before making a formal appointment, discussions are continuing with a view to achieving some reduction in the total cost. Meanwhile, the Treasurer is reviewing the available finance and considering what further funds will be needed in order to complete the Project. In the meantime, Janet Hunt and her team continues to plan the management and usage of the extended church. Once again, if you have any thoughts concerned with usage (especially if they might affect final fittings and fixtures), then please do get in touch with her via the church office.

Fundraising news

Teddy Bear Aerial Runway After the Family Service today (2 July) there will be another chance to send your Teddy down the aerial runway from the church tower and to receive a certificate for bravery! This is a repeat of the popular venture at last year's Open Gardens scheme and proceeds will go to the Building Fund: adults £2.50, children £1, 10.30 - 12 noon.

Parable of the Talents A clear 'profit' of £2,200 was raised under this scheme and the money was dedicated at a Celebratory Service last month.

St Bartholomew's Church Fair The sunny weather and the hard work of many people helped to make this a very enjoyable and successful occasion which raised well over £5,000 for the Building Fund.

Charitable Trusts As previously stated, several members of the Fundraising Team are now concentrating their efforts on Charitable Trusts as a source of income. We have received £4,500 from trusts so far and are hopeful of a further £3,000 in the near future.

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