

Update number 2 - the second in our series keeping you informed about your C21st Project Phase 2 and where we are with it now.

### Project finances

As our Senior Steward, Sheila Allison, recently said during a Sunday service, we are so close to our £515,000 target, but also so far away. As a result of Sheila's appeal, a grant of £15,000 from Garfield Weston, +interest, we are now only £21,944 away from our target, but if we cannot get fully funded within the next few weeks it is likely that we will have to delay the project whilst we raise the outstanding amount. Unfortunately, delaying the project would mean that we would incur additional costs including extra inflation, which in the building trade is running higher than domestic inflation. We could find ourselves chasing our tail and not able to get an increased target. So you will see from this that we are desperate to raise the additional £21,944 before the beginning of June either from member donations or loans. We do have a few grant applications outstanding but we cannot rely on a positive outcome from those.

**So please will you pray about our situation and consider either providing us with a donation or loan to help us meet our target of £515,000.** Please will you contact either our Church Treasurer - Mike Butler tel. 01474 362740 or C21st Fund Raiser - Robert Hardy tel. 01474 357681

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Image taken from the survey

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### ***What has happened since out last Nuts & Bolts?***

Our architect has been contacting statutory bodies such as the Water Authority in order to agree how waste water will be disposed of etc. and has met with our Structural Engineer to agree what structural items etc will be needed. As a result of these discussions it is likely that a foundation trial pit will be dug in the paved area near to the tower to test ground conditions before going out to tender.

We have agreed the basics of the new kitchen layout and that design is now with catering equipment installers to see what ideas they can come up with.

One problem we have to solve is our incoming electrical supply which, as you can imagine, is of some age. With all the improvements which we have made over the years we suspect that our incoming electric cable may not be up to the amount of electricity we need. In view of this we are using our regular electricians to calculate our present and future electrical needs before we approach the electrical supply company to see if an upgrade is needed.

We are also meeting architectural salvage companies to see what items to be removed and sold.

### **Sunday services during the building works.**

Our Sunday Stewards have met to decide how best to hold our Sunday Services in the Wesley Hall and will be going for a “light” touch without the use of A.V. and using ‘Songs of Fellowship’ books for hymns/songs. They will need help on Saturday afternoons to set out the church and similarly with putting things away afterwards. More on this another time.

