



Hello everyone

As promised (threatened?), this is the first of the **updates** we intend to provide you with regarding progress on the project work and the fund-raising.

We start with an announcement: as some of you may already have heard, **we have now baptized this the ACCESS project** in order to better reflect the overall aims of what we are trying to achieve. Olaf summed it up perfectly in his very thoughtful words to support the launch of the appeal. This project is not only about **facilitating physical ACCESS** to our buildings for all the members of our congregation but also, and just as importantly, about **facilitating ACCESS into our community** for anyone who feels slightly on the fringes and wants to get more involved. There will indeed be abundant opportunities to do that! And thank you to Olaf for providing us with this theme.

In terms of the **actual building work**, we are expecting final clearance from the Mairie on our revised plans in just over 10 days time. Our architect has also sent the contract specifications to a number of building firms and replies are expected back in the course of this week. The Committee will then work with the architect to select the best offer. Our intention remains to begin the work in May.

In terms of **the appeal itself**, we have got off to a very good start and we would like to **SAY A MASSIVE THANK YOU to those who have already made a donation**. We are most encouraged by the initial response. We do however realize there is still a way to go to meet our target and so **we hope you will forgive us if we use this update as a gentle reminder** of the appeal and its objectives. Please do not hesitate to ask any of us (see below) for further details.

Finally, significant work has already gone into planning **an exciting range of events** to support the second objective of bringing our community together and raising funds while we do so. We would therefore like you to already **SAVE A NUMBER OF DATES** for later in the year:

- **Saturday June 9th** for a Gala evening of **"Poppadoms and Promises"**. A magical Indian setting will be created as the backdrop for a delicious Indian banquet accompanied by an "Auction of Promises" throughout the course of the evening.
- **Saturday May 26th** for a **"Messiah Night"**. The best solos from the Messiah with our own Holy Trinity soloists, finishing in a Grand Finale where soloists and the audience will be invited to join together in singing the Hallelujah Chorus.
- **Saturday June 23rd** for **Peter and the Wolf – a children's concert**. Theatre production adapted from Prokofiev featuring children and adults from Holy Trinity and a special guest star as the hunter!

More detail on these events (and others) will be coming your way very soon but we do hope you will **try to block these dates in your busy calendars** before they get too full.

As we said last time, our sincere apologies to anyone who may feel pestered by these emails, and **if you prefer not to receive any further communication on this subject, please let us know!**

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