

Stage 3 - We can only proceed once we have a planning approval. At this stage we would seek to investigate and apply to grant making trusts and both the BU and EBA to seek the capital funding for such a project plus of course our own continued fund raising.

Stage 4 - Once we have the security of funding, the next stage would be the moving towards the actual realisation of the vision ideas.

The way ahead

Our intention therefore is to have a Listening Day on 13th February to hear what God is saying to us and then to re-launch the Building Fund with an initial Giving Day, on Sunday 27th February as part of our morning worship.

Paul and the Leadership Team



‘An Authentic Church with a place for everyone’



‘Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes’. Isaiah 54:

Vision Update

Bulletin No. 1 - January 2022

Letter from Paul:-

Dear All

Here at WBC we are excited as we step into the next phase of the vision we believe God has given us to be 'An authentic church, with a place for everyone.'



We feel greatly encouraged by what He has already done and

feel that it is right that we start to look to the future.

In recent months we have seen our numbers grow as more and more people join us on a regular basis, we have seen new members commit themselves to journeying with us and we have witnessed people devote themselves to Jesus via baptism. We are seeing more and more join in at Roots, also we are seeing people wanting to know more about us as a church.

All of this continues to humble and excite us. We feel that we are now ready with expectation to go forward with the vision we have always had for our building facilities to be enhanced. This will be a new area that will allow us, not only to carry on the ministries we are already doing, but crucially, to expand on our outreach to the community. These facilities will enable us to build on what God is already doing and also to be prepared for what we believe he is going to continue as we grow. We feel that at this stage we are 'pregnant' with



expectation and therefore need to prepare the way, almost with a nursery as you would if you were preparing to become new parents. Please find enclosed more information about the next phase. We pray that this challenges you but more importantly enthuses you as we see God build his kingdom here at WBC.

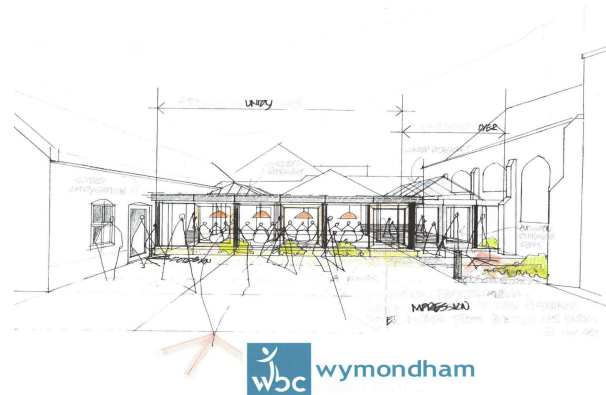
Blessings

Paul

Enlarging our physical tent:-

If you refer to Section 3 and Section 4 of our vision document, part of our vision is to serve the community and enhance our buildings. The plan to enhance and extend our buildings would enable us to offer a facility to other churches and community groups, support local groups and progress relationships with families with whom we are already in contact and to extend our work amongst the young people in the town.

The intention is to fill in the gap between the existing church meeting area and the youth hall across the front of the building, to create a new entrance and foyer area and a larger multipurpose space.



The current proposal is the implementation of this work in 2 stages. Stage 1 being the creation of a new church entrance and foyer area with Stage 2 being the larger adjacent multi use area.

The Leadership recognise that this is a huge ambitious step for our fellowship even just to consider embarking on a project of this size and cost. As such we believe the right approach is to move forward prayerfully and wisely one stage at a time, trusting God to lead us through each stage at His pace. The Building vision can be split into 4 broad stages as follows:-

Stage 1 - The initial stage was to make a pre-planning application. This stage has now been completed and as members were informed at the December church meeting we have received a positive response from South Norfolk DC and no significant objections were raised. All this work has been completed and fully funded out of our 2021 budget.

Stage 2 - The next stage is to proceed to submit a formal planning application. The cost of this is understood to be in the region of £13-£13.5K. Currently we have approximately £4,200 in the Building Fund, £1,000 of which was given specifically for the installation of new automatic disable entrance doors. As a leadership we believe that it is our responsibility to meet the costs of the planning permission ourselves and so we propose that we increase the funds in our Building Fund and to endeavour to raise £15,000 by the end of April 2022, when we would like to instruct the preparation of drawings etc. to enable us to submit a planning application. Setting a target of £15,000 would enable us to tithes 10% of the funds raised which we believe is honouring. Only when sufficient funds have been raised will we proceed with Stage 2 and make a planning application.