

Important meeting after the Ten O'Clock Service

Please stay after coffee to hear about the final plans for Wesleys and the Marley Hut. See the plans and a 3D computer fly-through. Images will be shown from 11:30 on the screen in Church, the presentation will be over by 12noon and you will then have the chance to ask questions of members of the BiG Team:

Gareth James: Gareth, civil engineer, currently a partner with Deloitte, UK, and father of one of the young families of the Church.

Gerry Jones: Chartered Building Surveyor whose firm have modified and built churches and schools.

Alan Rogers: Civil Engineer: ex Senior Steward

Michael Howarth: Electrical Engineer, and father of one of the young families of the church.

John Sykes: Chartered Institute of Bankers, Church Treasurer.

Ashley France: Chartered Quantity Surveyor: specialist advisor and project manager: and father of one of the young families of the church

1890—These Church premises were built along with an adjacent “school room”. This served the needs of the community, becoming home for three other Methodist Churches as consolidation took place.

1982—The discovery of dry rot and a fire which destroyed the “school room” coincided with the opening of the Church after renovations, removal of pews and balcony and remodelling of the sanctuary area. The Church family felt a strong commitment to restructure the premises for community as well as for Church use and, following much fund-raising, a comprehensive rebuild and refit was completed in 1984.

2005—The Church Council appointed an Eco officer. The Church was awarded the Eco-Congregation Award for a three-year period in 2009 and again in 2012. Time to apply again for 2015.

2009—The Church Council set up the Vision Group of nine members to discuss a new vision for the Church.

2011-The Church Council set up the Future Building Group to replace the Vision Group whose work was done, to make plans to build the church family and provide suitable accommodation.

2013-Loroc commissioned to produce plans.

2014-Planning permission granted.

The Church consulted widely from 2012 onwards:

Two open days followed by invitations to comment over an extended period on initial plans for all users of Wesleys and all church members: Cascaded Impact questionnaire on a representative sample of fifty users, including children and young people in 2013.

Vox Pop questionnaires at the Farmers' Market and at Scarecrow Day to get the opinions of people who rarely or never come to Wesleys:

All residents within 50m of the church received through their letterboxes a letter with outline plans, inviting them to examine detailed plans in Wesleys and to express an opinion about the proposed building.

We should remember that over 1000 people use Wesleys each week, five times as many as come to the 10 o'clock service. We are trying to meet their needs too.

Members of the Church have made freewill offerings averaging £1000 per month since 2008, 72 months, to the BiG fund. We now have, including legacy money, over £118000 available.

Please stay!

Mervyn Flecknoe, Lay Pastor