Newsletter No 6 4th February 2024 Glory Revealed

St German's Cathedral:

'Treasuring the Past,
Serving the Present,
Sustaining the Future'



A VERY BIG THANKYOU

Thank you for all your help 2023. **Since July** when we began building works we have raised £551,600 overall with £424,300 from grants, £86,200 from individuals and £41,100 from sales (includes pews, floorboards, housing rental). We would like to thank all, including the following:











2024 nearly there ...

We are in sight of the finishing line of Phase 1 (of this £2million phase) with a last push, we hope to get the Cathedral open in May with floor completed and as many as the other facilities in place as possible: toilets, kitchen, South Transept Portal, stonework repaired, automatic doors, Chapter House/Vestry and Chapel/Meeting Room. We need £400,000 to complete this phase, then we will move into phase 2, which includes audio-visual equipment.



Our Vision

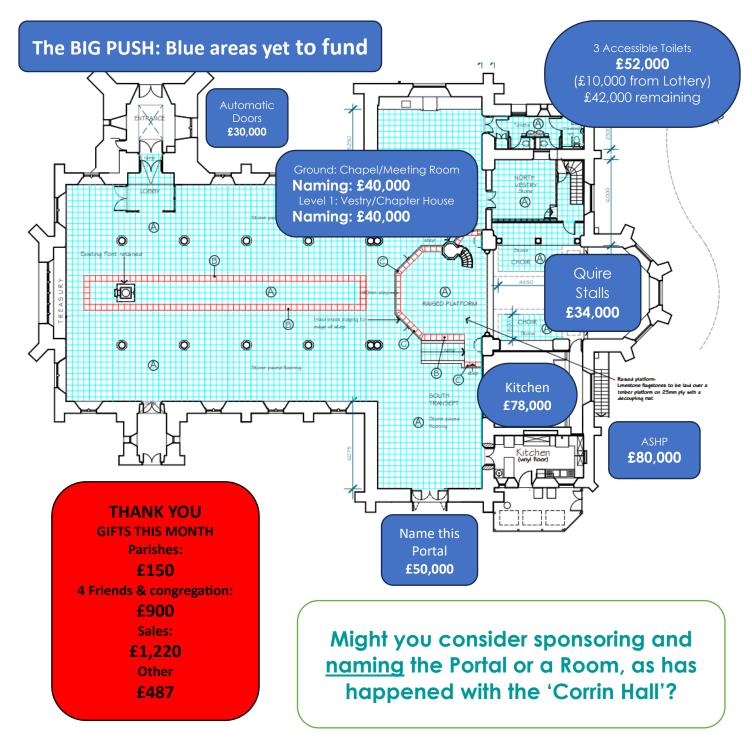
The Cathedral will enable us to be a **hub for the Arts** (Crafts, Fine Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Opera, concerts and Film), **Community** (Toddlers/Big Table Café and other local groups), **Education** (Schools and adult learning), **Corporate Events** (banquets, Beer Festivals and Conferences)



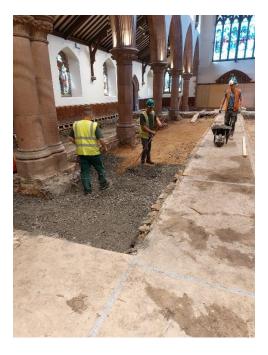
Focus this month: Developing Schools Work

Imagine the Cathedral warm throughout the year when we can welcome school classes. We would be able to set out: services facing east; performance around a central space; tables for crafts; servery for picnic lunches; space for workshops and a floor that children can sit on (as they do at school assemblies). Alongside this it will still be possible to have weekday services in a sound-proof chapel.





There is now a flat floor with ramp access to Quire and flat access to the Chapel

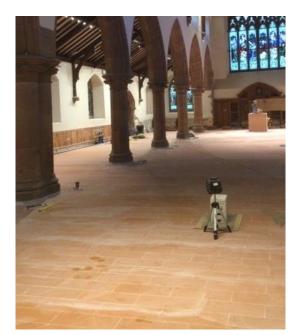


Before left:

Nave: Wooden floor and raised wooden platforms removed

After Right:

Nave: Underfloor heating installed and terracotta tiles laid, awaiting limestone flags



Will you sponsor the <u>Limestone flags</u> that form the top layer of flooring?

 Servery
 £8,800
 Meeting room 1 £3,600

 Chancel
 £8,600
 Meeting room 2 £3,600

 Choir
 £6,000
 Toilets
 £2,800

 Kitchen
 £4,400
 Lobby
 £2,000

A sq. m. of floor laid with flagstones is £200

Note: The Kitchen floor is made of vinyl

'Gift Cards' for Friends

A ONCE IN A LIFE-TIME OPPORTUNITY

£35 buys a Flagstone

(you can sign it on the back)
Perhaps in **thanksgiving** for your baptism
(alongside the font) or wedding or in **remembrance** of a Family funeral (down the Aisle).

£70 names 1 of the 90 **Bishops** (name + date carved on the floor down the Nave)

Names are running out fast!

Below: Entrance to new Chapel/Meeting Room from North Transept



Isle of Man **Bank Details** <u>for all</u> <u>donations:</u>

The Cathedral Quarter Trust Sort Code: 55-91-00 A/C No. 12925802

Thinking ahead: Exhibitions

We plan to have a succession of exhibitions once open. Here are some of the things being suggested:



Left:

A scale model of the Moon (hanging from the ceiling)

Right:

A look at the 1,000+ Fungi growing on the Isle of Man



Left:

The Island of Sodor's railway with Thomas the Tank engine



Flower Festival using seasonal Island Flora





Left:

Festival of Light

Right:

Ethical issue e.g. Refugees



What would you like to see?

Suggestions to Rosemary Clarke: rosemary.clarke@googlemail.com

If you would like to be a partner in this development, please contact the Dean: The Very Revd. Nigel Godfrey: T: 01624 844 830 or E: dean@cathedral.im