

CtK2020 July Update

Towards the end of 2019 the CtK2020 project had a design but it did not seem affordable. Faced with that dilemma, after much prayer, we changed tack and I believe, under the guidance and inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, via sketches from Rob and the Staff Team, with wise counsel from our long-suffering architect, a rather exciting new idea emerged.

We began to explore the idea of building an annexe, parts of which could be exempt from VAT.

Then came Covid-19 and lockdown and it seemed like everything ground to a halt – except apparently not as far as our heavenly Father was concerned.

Completely unexpectedly, through our architect, we were introduced to a company which is just establishing itself in the UK building market using Modern Methods of Construction - the unique selling points of which are low-cost and high-speed.

Long story short, we have a design, we have a project, we have faith in action – remember faith without risk isn't faith!



Entrance visible from the drive ...



Large welcome space for various uses ... hospitality ... flexibility



Main hall area big enough and high enough for different activities – designed to seat 96 for a meal ... dividable into two rooms each with their own storage and entrances.



Walk through past the kitchen, along a corridor with Accessible toilets and other toilets into our existing building.

What next?

Pray in faith ... "faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

- Pray for the PCC and the BPG who will have to make final and potentially binding decisions in faith about design details and contracts in the next two or three months.
- Pray with confidence that the Diocesan Advisory Committee will give us an in-principle endorsement of our plans specifically at their meeting on July 21st.
- Pray in love for the professionals involved
 - the architects
 - the construction company MMC Fasttrack in whom we are investing a step of faith – remember faith is “assurance about what we do not see” – remembering that faith without risk isn’t really faith at all ...
 - the legion of other professionals who will be engaged for different aspects of the project
- Pray about the financial aspects. This proposal is costed significantly lower than any previous iterations of Ctk2020
 - If we had to write a cheque today, we could write one for £493K – thank you!
 - By the end of the year, as long as we keep our giving going, we would be able to write a cheque for £533K – thank you!
 - We need to find ways to raise about and estimated £100K
- Pray with thankfulness that God is doing something that I can only describe as “miraculous” in presenting us with this possibility.
- Pray with utter adoration that you, and I, are here watching God do the impossible.

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