

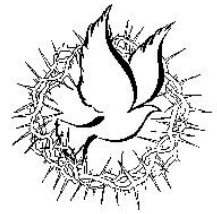


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Dear Friend

I write enclosing a Trinity Project leaflet and papers about the Gift Day on 31st January. I hope you will be familiar by now with the vision for the Trinity Project and the immediate financial challenge we face together as a Church: £400k in capital gifts, and long term pledges amounting to £3500/month.

At first glance these figures are huge, certainly more than any individual would contemplate. However, they represent a collective long-term investment in God's house and equate to, say, 200 gifts of £2,000 and 100 monthly pledges of £35/month. I also find it helpful to set these figures alongside what we spend on our own homes, holidays and hobbies or perhaps something as obvious as our cars. The monthly payment on my car is £156/month! Such comparisons make it easier to see that what the Lord is asking of us in a different light.

I hope you will find relevant the four sermons this month on **Vision, Faith, Stewardship and Surrender** (they will go on the website each week). We are picking up on the theme of Full Surrender from the Parish Weekend. 1 Chronicles 28 & 29 speak particularly powerfully into what we are doing and why. As I read them I am inspired by David's passionate devotion to the temple and reputation of his God: he has a house of his own, but longs to provide for a temple, or house, worthy of his God. The reference to surrounding rooms, priests and musicians (28:12ff) make clear that he also intends to resource God's local ministry.

We too have a vision for God's house as a base for ministry that involves development of the whole HT site and preserving it for future generations. We long to see the transformation visible in the Church reflected in the buildings alongside and to see the rectory reborn as a place where Christian community is lived and shared. God gave David a vision of His presence and ministry made available to all (see Isaiah 56) and we too want to make all welcome and to serve our community, locally and beyond.

On the reverse of this letter you will find another, from the finance team. If you already have a leaflet please pass this one to a friend or neighbour. A pledge form and standing order form are provided so as to make response on 31st January as easy as possible. We need a response from everyone on 31st January 2010 if the Trinity Project is to go ahead.

I pray that the Lord will move in all our hearts and draw us together in common commitment to this Trinity Project vision: 'For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him (2 Chronicles 16:9).

Jolyon Trickey

Rector, Holy Trinity & Trendlewood



TRINITY PROJECT FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

As we move towards the start of the Trinity Project, which draws together our hopes and plans for the Trinity Centre, the Old Rectory and the Tithe Barn, the PCC is now writing to all Holy Trinity and Trendlewood members, seeking their financial commitment. We are talking about large sums here, and we are also undertaking local fundraising and applying for grants towards the overall cost; however, the majority of the funds will need to be provided by the church members.

The Trinity Project will need a response from you on 31st January 2010.

The total cost of the Trinity Project is £1.35m, as follows:

Trinity Project Cost	£000s
Trinity Centre Reordering	400
Rectory Purchase*	600
Rectory Redevelopment	300
Tithe Barn	50
Total	1,350

* Including Tax, Fees and mortgage interest

The leaflet accompanying this communication details our requirements, in both amount and timing, to enable us to complete the Trinity Project. We need to raise £1m, net of Gift Aid tax relief and after taking account of the current funds so far. The leaflet also includes illustrations of how the sums required can be broken down into individual donations and pledges. Individuals can also provide interest-free loans or possibly may wish to consider making a specific provision in their will, mindful that this is a long-term project.

HOLY TRINITY & TRENDLEWOOD DAY-TO-DAY FINANCIAL NEEDS

At this time of year we also look ahead to our day-to-day requirements to allow us to run our services during the coming year. The budget for 2010 agreed by the PCC includes increased costs, which can be met by increasing our Giving income by 5%. Examples of cost increases are the Common Fund (our contribution to the diocese), where our share has increased by 5.8%, increased Outreach, including Youth & Children, and the new administrative position.

YOUR RESPONSE

We are asking all our members to consider prayerfully the church's needs, to complete both sides of the enclosed response form and to return it at the services on Sunday 31st January, or before then to the church office. The form is in two parts and includes a standing order form for the Trinity Project should you wish to set up a regular payment into this account. The form invites a response on both sides: one for the General Fund, which is for the day-to-day running of the church, and the other for the Trinity Project, where there are a number of options for you to consider (you may be able to commit on more than one). If you would like to discuss your commitment please do not hesitate to approach us or George Spencer (Gift Aid Secretary), the wardens or clergy.

Whilst this challenges everyone to consider prayerfully, and we hope that this results in a positive outcome, we recognise that there will be individuals whose circumstances prohibit them from increasing their current contributions to the life of HT&T.

Thank you.

John Walters (Church Treasurer) and Matthew Bird (Trinity Project Treasurer)



COMMITMENT SUNDAY – 31st January 2010

TRINITY PROJECT RESPONSE

So that we are able to fully appreciate your commitment to the Trinity Project, could you please complete one or more sections below, to show which you are willing to undertake.

I/we would like to give to the Trinity Project:

- 1) a one-off donation of £_____ which is enclosed.
(Please make cheques payable Holy Trinity PCC Nailsea)
- 2) a monthly donation of £_____ which will start in _____
- 3) an annual donation of £_____ which will start on _____
- 4) an interest-free loan of £_____ which can be repaid over _____ years.

Signed _____ Name _____

Phone no _____ Email address _____

I would like the Gift Aid Secretary to contact me

I would like to complete a standing order form and send to my bank

I am interested in using the Envelope Scheme

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GENERAL CHURCH FUND RESPONSE

MY/OUR RESPONSE FOR 2010

My/our response is to increase/leave unchanged/reduce my/our weekly/monthly giving to:

£ _____ with effect from _____ / _____ / 2010

Signed _____ Name _____

Phone no _____ Email address _____

I would like the Gift Aid Secretary to contact me

I have amended my standing order direct with my bank

I am interested in setting up a new standing order with my bank

I am interested in using the Envelope Scheme

(tick if appropriate)

PLEASE TURN OVER FOR TRINITY PROJECT RESPONSE AND BANKERS ORDER