



These pages summarise James's update in our 10:30 am service on 23 January when he explained where we are now with our Building for the Future project. If you prefer, you can watch the video [here](#).

1. One project, three parts

Building for the Future (BTF) is about equipping us to continue to play our part in building God's kingdom in Hurdsfield, Macclesfield and beyond. The project has three parts:

- Part 1: a new building
- Part 2: an improved site and welcome
- Part 3: more resource to help us grow our ministry.

2. Parts 2 and 3 complete or ongoing

Part 2 External and internal works complete

Hopefully you've seen and admired our smoothly tarmacked site; improved exterior lighting; and new footpath, bike racks and signage. And the redecorated church doors, lobby and lounge (currently serving as our church office).

Part 3 Jonny Frost is here

Jonny arrived as our curate in June and is making a huge difference to the ways we're able to develop our ministry amongst Hurdsfield people. He's already proposed a structure to the PCC to establish an ongoing programme that would continue long after he moves on in 2024.

Our BTF project has enabled Jonny to join us, with Jenni, Layla and Lois, by funding their housing costs for the three years they're with us. The Church of England pays his stipend.

3. And at last, Part 1, a new building – we're almost there

We're excited that we've progressed discussions with a contractor to the point that we've agreed the design and contract arrangements to construct our new building.

Yesterday we visited the factory which will make our building. We're happy the construction quality is right for us, and will now proceed with signing the contract to build.

4. New building construction plan

Assuming we're able to sign a contract by the end of January, the proposed project plan would be:

- March 2022 – construct foundations
- April / May 2022 – construct building
- June 2022 – fit out building

5. New building project budget

We told you in November that construction prices have risen significantly since we started this journey in January 2019, and that the money received and pledged would not be enough. We now have a firm budget for the building cost, so we know how much the whole project is costing.

Revised project budget

		Original budget	Actual cost / Budget
Part 3	More resource to help us grow our ministry	£50K	£40K over 3 years Actual cost
Part 2	Improved site and welcome	£74K	£57K Actual cost
Part 1	New building	£259K	£450K Budget
Total		£383K	£547K
Increase in budget		£164K	

6. How do we fund this increase in the budget?

Since January 2020, when we announced we needed to raise £383K, God has blessed us in an amazing way, including, recently, a very generous legacy from the estate of former HTH member Alan Potts, which the PCC believes is part of God's provision for this project.

We spent less money during two years of pandemic because we did less. You, however, did not falter and continued to give faithfully to our general expenses. This means we're able to add an additional £50K from PCC reserves to our BFTF project.

	£ Received	£ Promised	£ New funds
Existing PCC reserves	75K		
Donated or pledged, incl Gift Aid	268K	44K	
Grants	26K	5K	
Legacy from Alan Potts			80K
New allocation from PCC reserves			50K
Total	368K	49K	130K
Grand Total			547K

7. Starting giving, or giving more

Just because the PCC is able to allocate a further £50K of reserves to complete our BFTF project, it doesn't mean we wouldn't welcome **further donations**. The new building is, after all, only a building and we will prayerfully use every extra penny we raise towards filling it with activities and initiatives which bring glory to God through serving his church and community here in Hurdfield.

If you are already giving towards our BFTF project, please **don't stop** (unless your circumstances have changed, in which case please tell us). We're counting on the money you've pledged.

Maybe you've **started being part of HTH** over the last couple of years or otherwise haven't yet been able to get involved in what we're building here.

If you would like to **start giving**, or are able to **give more**, you can:

- do so by BACS to HTH Church, sort code 05-05-68, a/c 39996633, ref BFTF, or
- email pipmossdrop2@yahoo.co.uk preferably by Monday 7 February.

Every contribution, given for the glory of God, is of great value.

8. What else are we asking you to do?

Pray and live faithfully

We are part of the kingdom of God. To grow that kingdom each of us needs, first and foremost, to be following God and growing ourselves. We need to be praying for this venture, living faithfully and following God's call on our lives. As we've been developing this project, we've held onto the following verse:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight – Prov 3:5-6

All that we do we do for God's glory and so let us be faithful to him in our own prayers and lives and pray that the pathway to completion will be straight.

Be ALL IN

Much has happened and much has changed since January 2020 when I shared our vision of Building for the Future.

The PCC and I remain convinced that our BFTF vision is of God. The amazing way in which God is providing everything we need is testament to that.

*This is what we are asking:
Pray and live faithfully
Consider giving
Be ALL IN*

As we look forward to watching our new building taking shape, we're able to look beyond BFTF and think about how we will use the foundation it gives us to grow our ministry. On Sundays and in our small groups we've been talking about commitment, and in the coming weeks we'll be asking you to get involved and 'Be ALL IN'. As we do this, please do consider what God is calling you to do in terms of sharing His good news so that we can see our community transformed.

9. Questions

As ever, you can ask us anything you like about our Building for the Future project by emailing our Project Team at bftf@hthmacc.com

**James, the BFTF Project Team and the PCC
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