



These pages summarise James's update in our 10:30 am service on 21 November when he explained what's been happening with our Building for the Future project since August. 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:

- a new building
- our now easier and safer site and more welcoming lobby and coffee lounge
- appointing our curate Jonny Frost to help us grow our ministry.

2. Progress on our new building

Working with two new contractors

We're working with two potential contractors. Both of these can manage the total build, rather than using a different firm for the foundations. We've had an initial conversation with one and are waiting for its estimate. We've had more more detailed meetings with the second, including a site visit to look at one of its projects. Its estimate includes provisional amounts for substructures and drainage, and for the ramp and decking, and it is now refining these and other details.

We are also doing some due diligence work with both firms to confirm their capacity and capability to complete the project.



A new project plan

We've developed a new project plan which identifies the project risks and timescales. The construction sector is still volatile, and susceptible to uncertainty over the availability and price of materials, but our aim is to work with one of these two contractors to complete the project by the summer of 2022.

A revised budget

We're working with a quantity surveyor to develop a revised budget for the new building. Prices have risen significantly since we started this journey and the £300K which we've been pledged or have already received for the building work will not be enough. But until we get more precise estimates we don't know how much more money we will need.

3. Next steps

- We'll continue to work with the **two contractors** as they develop and refine their estimates.
- We'll aim to update the whole church in January 2022 about:
 - how we intend to **complete** the building project
 - how much its going to **cost**, and
 - how we intend to **raise** the extra money we'll need.
- The BFTF project team and the PCC remain totally committed to the vision for the project and continue to work hard towards its completion. We have made encouraging progress in the past few months so please continue to **pray** for the work to progress well.

Don't forget, BFTF is more than buildings and tarmac. We want it to make a real difference in growing God's kingdom in this place. So as Christmas approaches, even before we complete our Building for the Future project, let us continue to pray that God will continue to use every one of us for His glory as we seek to meet the needs of our community and share the good news of the gospel.

4. Questions

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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