

April Update on the Building Fund

Thank you to everyone who has made contributions to the Building Fund: we have thus far banked £13,208.98 from both individual donations, and the new second collection. We have also received £7,400 in donations last month from the Mission preached in Merchantville, New Jersey.

The most significant single donation though has been that of **£100,000!** With *Gift Aid* added this will rise to **£125,000** so you see the importance of filling in the *Gift Aid* Forms!

That's **£145,608.98** which is a magnificent amount to begin with; and makes an amazing start to the £550,000 of necessary works.

The first task will be to stabilise the boundary wall between us and our neighbour the Travelodge, alongside repairing the structural faults of the Memorial Room. We hope to place some matched-funding alongside our own expenses for this pressing work. Thereafter the flat roof above the façade will need to be investigated, and in the choir loft any water damage repaired. This will likely demand an enormous sum of money. Whilst there are other projects which demand our attention the security of the perimeter, the maintaining of our historic doors, and the lighting of the Sanctuary will likely be the next steps, in addition to those items previously identified in the November 2024 condition report.

Please continue to pray for the success of our Building Fund, the completion of works, and the spiritual flourishing of this most precious legacy we have here at St Patrick's. N.B. The Building Fund is a Restricted Fund, which is not taxed as income by the general Archdiocesan Levy.

Your *Gift Aid* contribution is very much welcome; forms are available today. If you are eligible to pay tax in the UK, then we will receive a 25% rebate from HMRC, at no extra cost to you.

We have a new bank account, if you've never set up a standing order yet, please use these details, as we then migrate the account from BOS to RBS over time.

Account Name:

ST PATRICKS (no apostrophe necessary)

Account Number:

21536167

Sort Code:

83-06-08

Please indicate in bank transfers both the words "Building Fund" & "GA" if Gift Aid applies to you, to ensure swift processing