

# 3 Steps Update

March 2019

As you will recall, last spring we initiated the 3 Next Steps by asking our church family to consider pledging support for the different possible growth areas in our St Kea vision.

A year on, with God's grace we have been able to achieve the Third Step as we have recruited our Associate Minister and have already begun to see the fruit of this work in youth group attendance and plans to increase engagement with younger youth.

This leaves us with Step One to develop the internal space at All Hallows; and Step Two to find a Community, CAP and Youth Space in Truro.

## Step One: Redevelopment of All Hallows

In February, our architect Simon Crosbie presented the Redevelopment Group with a range of possible solutions for the specification of needs we had provided. The group were encouraged by the range of ideas and have asked Simon to bring some of these to the PCC meeting (and the AH Leadership Group) on 11<sup>th</sup> March before further decisions are made. Once we have a clearer picture of which are the most appropriate solutions, then these will be brought to the church family as a whole.

The brief included; a dedicated but flexible crèche space, WC, level access to the church with a more welcoming environment and improved, but not necessarily enlarged, kitchen space. As part of the project we will also look at stacking chairs which are easier to move and store, making our space more flexible.

### Audio Visual Upgrade

The AV group have agreed a preferred provider for the upgrade work. The company we have chosen offered the most cost-effective option with the best experience of working within church environments. We are now waiting for a decision to be made on the placing of the sound desk in the redevelopment plan and then we can progress with the upgrade. The work to improve our AV system has been made possible by a generous donation made during the 3 Next Steps process.

### Organ

This week the digital organ is going to be collected by Viscount. During the trial period we have had many positive comments about the improved sound it has provided. Our organists have enjoyed being able to use a more adaptable machine with a much improved sound. We have sought quotes from other organ companies, all of which have been more costly than the organ which we have been trialling, even when taking into account the additional cost of a more robust casing if we move to purchase from Viscount.

The next step in this process is for PCC to consider the removal of the pipe organ which would enable us to use the space it occupies for expanding our facilities. If agreed by PCC we would then apply for a Faculty from the diocese to remove the organ. We have been blessed in learning that St Mary's church in Penzance are keen to upgrade their pipe organ and would like to raise money to fund the cost of renovation of our organ by Father Willis in Liverpool.

We will keep you all updated on any changes or progress in this area.

## Step Two: Truro

Following another meeting last month, we are now waiting to hear from the Truro City Council with regard to the possible availability of the building in St Clement Street in Truro opposite the shoppers car park.

The group involved in this are continuing their involvement in the process (alongside Churches Together representatives) but are also continuing to be prayerful and open to other options which God may present.

## Old Kea

The leadership team at Old Kea (in addition to recent fund raising events) have continued to work on funding applications which will enable them to begin the work on the disabled access and toilet facilities, as well as repair work to the fabric of the church.

Finally, it is important that we continue to focus on the vision for all the work we are doing and how this will enable us to further the gospel. Our aim in all these plans is to enable us to engage with more people, evangelise (sharing Christ), see people established (growing in faith) and equipped for serving Jesus. God is at work transforming lives. Please continue to especially pray for the youth and families work and for all those who are involved in the work with Truro, All Hallows and Old Kea projects.

If you have any questions about anything in the update, please do contact Sian on Sundays, by email ([siang@stkea.org.uk](mailto:siang@stkea.org.uk)) or in the church office on Wednesdays and Fridays; or speak to one of the PCC.