

**Club 200**

This is a private lottery arrangement (which will need to be registered with the Local Council). Participants will contribute £5 each month. There will be a weekly draw with a single prize and, every three months, a special extra prize. Half of the sums contributed will go to the Renovation Fund and just under half will be distributed as prizes; there are some running costs. With 200 participants, the weekly prize would be £100, and the special quarterly prize would be around £180, and £1,500 each quarter would go to the Church Renovation Fund. More contributors would allow proportionate increases. We would need to keep the administration effort low, so participants would need to set up a standing order or direct debit, so that monthly contributions would be automatic. We will announce prize-winners in the bulletin. We would expect to run Club 200 for several years, but new participants can join and existing contributors can leave if they wish.

**Your views and opinions**

We are always keen to hear from parishioners about the works, including financing and fundraising ideas. If you have any questions or thoughts, please speak to John Hastings, Father Rafal or Deacon John.

**We ask for your continued help and support in our parish at this time.**

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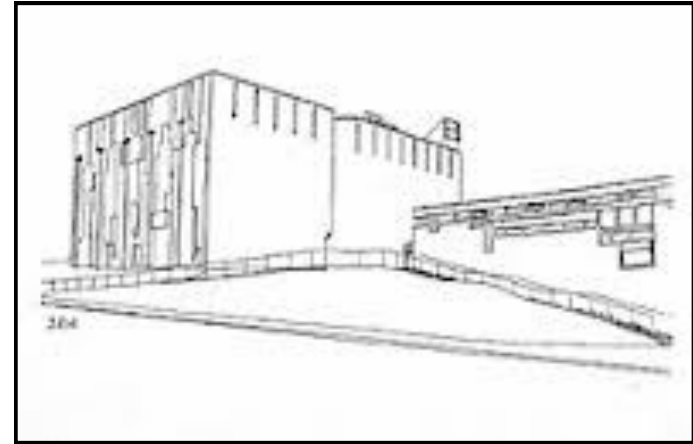
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**Further information:**

**Covenant Scheme** - this works on a tax year basis. The covenant scheme for the next tax year will start just after Easter, in early April 2016.

**Club 200** - at this stage, we are collecting expressions of interest. We will then be in a position to register the scheme, and we will need to set up contribution arrangements, which will involve filling in a bank form (standing order / direct debit). We will arrange any help if you need it.

## ST BRIDE'S CHURCH EAST KILBRIDE



## REPORT ON REPAIR PROGRAMMES AND FUNDRAISING

**February 2016**

### **Background**

This is the first update on repair programmes for 2016. There is only a little to report on the progress of works so this report concentrates on the financing of the project.

### **Parish Centre**

Work on the kitchen extension is advancing well, with work on enlarging the bar area expected to start soon. It will still be a few weeks before the kitchen and bar are fully functioning again.

### **The church**

External scaffolding on the North wall has been tricky to erect because of the steep slope. Deep foundations were required. Work on the copper lightwells needs high level scaffolding, but the extreme winds have made work on the external scaffolding unsafe, so the project is currently over one week behind schedule. The internal scaffolding is well advanced. The contractors have discovered that the ceiling struts are rigidly fixed so will not need to be taken down. The scaffolding will be built through the gaps to allow a safe working deck to be built close to the underside of the roof. The first stage of repair is to reinforce the walls, followed by brick repair. Then, work will start on the roof. The contractors found a large crack at high level on the east wall (above the pulpit) which will need special repair. There is also a bulge on the altar wall, behind the altar canopy. A temporary support will be put in place to protect the balcony while work on the outside of the altar wall takes place.

### **Church house**

There is now a temporary wheelchair ramp to the front door, allowing Canon Ryan safe entry and exit. We expect to get planning permission next week for a permanent accessible door to Canon Ryan's studio. We need certification of the water supply, before we can replace the central heating system for the house, something that is long overdue.

### **Grant-funding**

National Churches Trust which had organised the Best Modern UK Churches competition (where St Bride's had come third) announced a grant of £40,000 towards our renovation in December. Heritage Lottery Fund, in conjunction with Historic Scotland, have confirmed a total grant of £250,000 specifically for brick restoration. Scottish Churches Trust have given a grant of £5,000. We are waiting to hear about some other grant applications. We also apply for VAT relief on the works through the Listed Places of Worship scheme.

### **Parish Fundraising**

Project costs will exceed grant funding and VAT relief so the balance of cost will need to come from a Diocesan loan and further parish fundraising. Even taking account of the grants and reliefs we have received or expect, there will still be significant amounts that we need to raise or contribute ourselves. The largest project is the church renovation, but sums will also be required for the church house boiler replacement, an accessible door to Canon Ryan's studio and completion of the work on the Parish Hall extension (Viridor's grant did not cover the Bar extension, as it was considered a 'commercial' rather than 'community' aspect of the project). The best estimate at present is that we will need to finance costs of around £35,000 over the next few months and we will need a Diocesan loan of close to £400,000 which will need nearly £45,000 repaid each year for 10 years). So, we need both short term and long term plans for raising these amounts. Here are two things we can do.

**Covenant Scheme** - many parishioners are already in covenant scheme, but we could do more. Any taxpayer can sign up for the covenant scheme. This enables us to reclaim basic rate tax, which means, a contribution of £4 is worth £5 to St Bride's. Further, if you pay tax at higher rates, you can obtain an offset against your tax bill. If you pay tax at 40%, a contribution of £80 becomes £100 for St Bride's and you can offset £20 of your tax bill, costing you only £60. Maybe you can afford to increase your contribution.

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I would like to find out more about supporting the Parish

Name:

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Please tick circles as appropriate

- Please tell me more about the Covenant Scheme.
- Please tell me how I can join Club 200.