



# CONNECTED

## October 2024 Update

### Get set...

Many of us will have had a break over the holiday month of August, but work on the Connected building project has continued throughout. A range of necessary reports was commissioned by the building professionals and the planning application was eventually submitted to the local authority. A lot of effort went into getting the application ready, and this now feels like the 'get set' stage — the time when the runner is poised, waiting patiently and hopefully for permission to start.

The planning application is currently in progress and the committee encourages you to join us in prayer for God's way ahead through the detailed human processes. We are also in regular, supportive contact with the Diocese of Southwark, from whom we will also need permission.

Our contractors are keen to start as soon as they can, which is why the PCC decided to press on and prepare the way for them. In due course we will need to vacate the present church centre. To make that possible, we are gradually creating space and facilities in the church building for smaller services and weekday activities and for storage. This photograph shows the work in progress.



The initial step of moving our Sunday morning service to St Bede's School was timed to match the beginning of the Autumn term. With a warm welcome from the school and positive help and support from many people, we are beginning to feel at home in our new surroundings. As someone helpfully commented, "We are not in church but we are still church."

### Finances

The financial position has continued to move forward, with money in the bank now over £2.25 million. This represents 85% of the estimated total of £2.65 million. Some pledges are yet to be completed, and bank interest and grants are expected to help towards the target. If you would like to contribute for the first time, please [complete this form](#), knowing that every gift is valuable, whatever its size.

### Please pray

Please give thanks for all the funds generously given so Holy Trinity can reach out to our community with 21st century standards of accessibility and hospitality.

Please give thanks for all the work and preparation which has taken place over the Summer months, by the professional team, by our Operations Director, and by all who have rallied round to help.



The rate of progress on a project of this scale depends on many factors, including those outside our control. Please continue to remember the project in your personal prayers, asking for God's guidance each step of the way.



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