



CONNECTED

January 2024 Update

Finances

We start this Update with encouraging news on the generosity of the church family. In November, we sent letters to those who had pledged donations to the Connected project, and we are very grateful to everyone who responded to confirm their pledges, and in some cases to clarify or increase them. Many people have turned their pledge into cash and as a result the amount of money in the bank has now reached £2 million. We also have greater confidence about the remaining pledges, with some donors continuing their regular payments, and others stating a later date for their gift. If you have received a letter but not yet responded, we are looking forward to hearing from you. If you are someone who would like to contribute for the first time, please [complete the form](#), knowing that even small gifts make a big difference.

Thinking ahead

We are already planning for church life whilst the new building is constructed, with the hope that work on site will start by the Autumn of this year. We have contacted all the groups that hire rooms in our present Church Centre to inform them of our planned move out of the building. We are also contacting church groups with proposals for how we could continue our various ministries during the period of demolition and construction. If you are involved in running a church group that uses the Church Centre, we will be in touch soon to chat through the options with you – please be patient as we work through our numerous different groups! This is an exciting time as we make plans to keep church life going - and growing - in our time out of the Church Centre. Our 10 O'clock Sunday service will move to St Bede's School where the headteacher has kindly offered the use of their main hall and several classrooms for children's groups. We are hoping to be able to use the church building for other services and as a flexible space for some groups, and we are actively planning towards this goal. The planning team has a strong vision of how to achieve the move out of the Church Centre, but practical help will be needed in the Summer – please look out for requests nearer the time!

Next steps

Our contractor Hystar and their consultants are working towards the necessary permissions from the local authority and the diocese. As this process continues, the design will develop, refining matters such as internal detail and the approach to energy use and sustainability. We will keep you informed about these developments.



Please pray

The next online prayer **meeting** is at 9am on Saturday 10th February - Zoom codes in Trinity News. Please **stay and pray** after morning worship on Sun 24th March, for this and other areas of church life. To receive regular prompts for your prayers **at home** by email or WhatsApp, send a request to connected@htredhill.com, or contact the Church Office.



To communicate with the Connected Committee, please use the email address connected@htredhill.com or contact the Church Office.

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