

## Building for Ministry Project



### Laying the Foundations in Prayer

Our plans for redeveloping the Church Room have reached an exciting stage, with the planning application due to be submitted to Three Rivers District Council next month.

It is crucial that this project be covered in prayer as we look to God for his guidance, provision and blessing in all that lies ahead:

- For the planning process in the coming months.
- For our continuing development of the potential for outreach and mission to our community offered by the new buildings.
- For the fundraising appeal which will begin in earnest with our Pledge Day on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

With this in mind, we want to make the autumn “**A Season of Prayer**”, and we are calling the whole Church family to help us to **Lay the Foundations** of our new Church Rooms in prayer. There will be regular details of progress throughout the autumn to enable your private prayers to be up to date, and in addition, we will have several **corporate prayer opportunities each Tuesday**, focused on the Building for Ministry Project, to enable us to gather together as we look to God to guide us in the path ahead. **Details of these are overleaf**, and we would encourage each one of us to come to whichever slot fits in with our other commitments, and together to ensure that the foundations of our new buildings are indeed firmly laid in prayer.

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"Prayer Tuesdays" throughout the autumn

- Each Tuesday, our **9.00-9.30am prayer time in Church** will focus on the building project.
- For those whose work commitments require an earlier slot, Rachel Jenkinson will lead an **early morning weekly prayer time** from 6.30-7.00am, also in Church.
- On the second Tuesday of each month, our main **Input Church prayer meetings** will include a time of prayer focused on the building project. Dates for the coming months are 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December and 13<sup>th</sup> January.
- On homegroup weeks (normally 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks in the month), we are asking **each homegroup** to include a specific time of update, information and – particularly – prayer for the building project.
- On the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, we will have an additional short, **focused time of prayer in Church from 8.00-8.30pm**. These will be on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> November and 27<sup>th</sup> January.
- The culmination of this focused season of prayer will be our **Prayer and Pledge Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2009**, when as a whole Church we will have the opportunity to commit in response to all that God is leading us.

We hope that all members of Christ Church will join us in making prayer for the building project a priority over these coming months, as we ensure that the foundations that we lay together are solidly built upon Jesus, our Rock and cornerstone.

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