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Netherlee and Stamperland (Church of Scotland)



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RAISE THE ROOF APPEAL

Sadly the Netherlee sanctuary roof has reached the end of its natural life and it is the unanimous advice of our architects and engineers that we should carry out urgent and comprehensive repairs in order to guarantee the integrity of the original 1933 roof for another 90 years and more

It is not just the slates, but old age is affecting the leadworks, the masonry, the gutters, and the downpipes. We have been experiencing water ingress for some years in the south aisle and at height above the pulpit and in that same area of the south aisle there is cracking internally in the stonework and gapping in the external buttresses.

The sanctuary was the last red sandstone church to be erected in Glasgow and is "B" listed by Historic Scotland and so we have to apply full conservation standards when the refurbishment works proceed, renewing like for like. The agreed tender costs sit at £730,000 and professional fees at around £70,000. We have already been successful in obtaining grants of £60,000 while one of our members has gifted £10,000 and Government grant aid means that the total project cost at £800,000 is free of vat

Although we have robust reserves they are insufficient to meet the project costs at £800,000 and mindful of the future we do not want to exhaust the funds which will eventually be received from the sale of the Stamperland Church and Manse. We have inherited a beautiful sanctuary from our predecessors. To rely only on our reserves is poor future management and denies folk the opportunity to mark their support for these works which will form our legacy to those who will follow after us.

Now is a time of personal and national economic uncertainty but the Kirk Session, while recognising that this appeal could not have come at a worse time, felt that our members would want to understand the nature and extent of these urgent and essential repairs and would want an opportunity to support this appeal. So, from Sunday 11th September until Sunday 9th October you are invited to make a donation by cash/cheque/electronic transfer (bank details below) or to pledge an amount to be paid over a timescale which suits your personal budget. There will be donation points with dedicated envelopes in the church on each of these Sundays. Every member will receive this letter in the post along with a Gift Aid Declaration Form for this appeal which we would encourage you to complete if your circumstances allow you to.

Your sincerely

Scott Blythe Minister

Stuart Buchanan Session Clerk

Bank Details

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