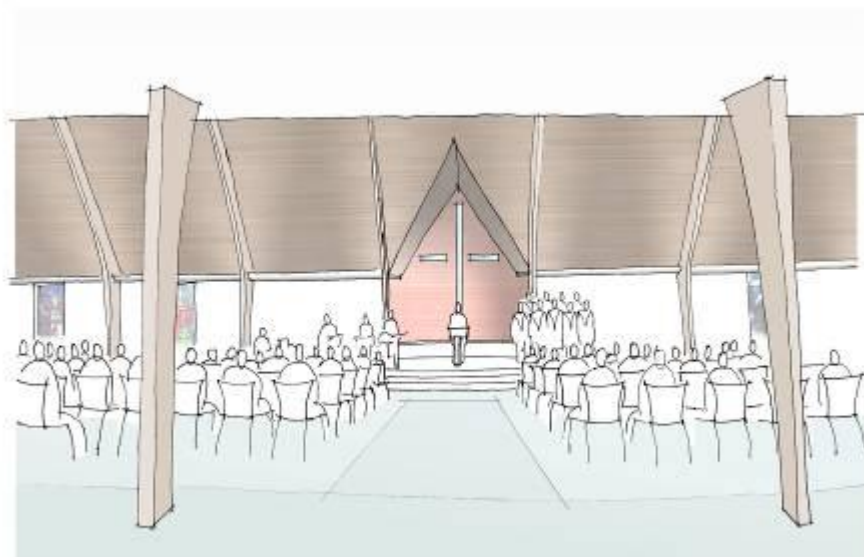


St Elizabeth's church

'Building for the Gospel'

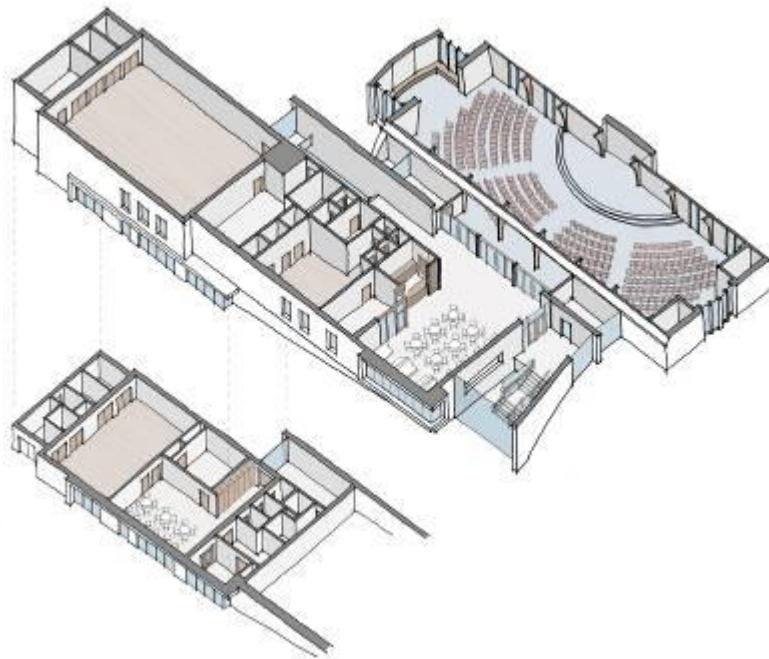


For the last 5 or 6 years, **St Elizabeth's Church** [Church Green, Dundonald] – has become acutely aware of its need to make major alterations to bring it into line with 21st Century expectations. The roof, walls and windows need insulating: the heating and lighting need improvements: the old heavy pews need replacing with moveable chairs, giving greater flexibility for everyday use of the building. At the same time, the whole worship area would be turned through 90 degrees to create a more flexible internal arrangement, which will help make the Scriptures the focus of the Church's ministry, bringing preacher and people closer together.



Besides this, **new church halls** are a must – under the same roof as the church – with a new clearly-visible entrance and welcome area, accessible to all people: a good purpose-built crèche: new toilet facilities: a state-of-the-art kitchen: meeting rooms and halls, suitable for all-age

groups, be it for games or for a sit-down lunch. Under the main hall, a **Youth Centre**, custom-designed, with its own entrance and coffee bar, is proposed.



This new construction will help us fulfil the church's twin goals:

- a. to serve our present congregation (all ages) - with better facilities, to assist teaching and discipling them towards maturity in the Gospel:
- b. to serve the local community – in numerous practical ways and to present them with the good news of the Gospel.

What we envisage will take place in a typical week in the new facilities

- i. Lunch club and fellowship meetings for senior citizens
- ii. Coffee-bar facilities open to the community
- iii. Library and bookstall
- iv. English language classes for immigrants
- v. After-school clubs for younger children
- vi. Occasional concerts, Bible-teaching Conferences etc.:
- vii. Youth-work (expanded from what is already taking place) –
 - crèche during services
 - Sunday School in age-related groups
 - Sunday evening Youth Fellowship
 - Teenage activities during the week
- viii. Mums and tots – breakfast club
- ix. Drop-in facilities for Mothers, collecting primary school children
- x. Parenting classes
- xi. Uniformed organisations for boys and girls, all age-groups
- xii. Mothers' Union, Ladies' Badminton, Mixed Bowls etc.:
- xiii. Fortnightly Bible Study groups and prayer meetings
- xiv. Regular Staff meetings for prayer and planning
- xv. Well-equipped office for administrative work



The Cost of the Project, and the Strategy to raise the needed funds.

The whole project, at present with the Department of the Environment Planning Service, will cost in the region of £2,200,000 – should we be able to start building in 2011.

- The Congregation have given/pledged nearly £600,000 already: it is hoped to raise a further £400,000 by regular, pledged giving over the next 4 to 5 years:
- Several applications have been tendered to various Grant-making bodies
- The eventual sale of the site of the present halls could provide £400,000

It now seems likely that building may have to take place in 2 or 3 phases:
this possibility is under active consideration at present.

If you would like more information on, or would like to find out how to support, 'Building for the Gospel', please contact Rev Tim Anderson (028 9048 3153 or tim@bizzylizzy.org) or alternatively, Dr Patricia Morton, the Project Co-ordinator (bftg@bizzylizzy.org).