



TLC News

Energy Costs

It has always been the intention to make this a thermally efficient building. To this end, TLC will have an air-source heat pump, solar panels and extensive insulation to the floor, ceiling and walls as well as a thermally efficient front glass wall. The original design incorporated a heavyweight air handling unit to drive ventilation, but we are currently looking at a passive system of 'air scoops' which our M&E consultants are evaluating. As with our A/V expectations, innovations occur faster than building plans and some such details simply need to be left to late in the project.

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Construction update

We are delighted to report that the first sections of steel for the main frame of The Lighthouse Church have now been put in place. The lighthouse Church is taking shape – praise God. This is a significant milestone we have reached!

The next batches of steel are currently undergoing fabrication in Birkenhead and are scheduled for delivery to site in 3 further large loads. These will take 4-5 weeks to assemble, whereupon the roof can then be added (early June). The glass frontage on Telegraph Road will be the last component to be installed to make the building watertight. Fitting out, internal construction and decorating is then likely to take another 5 months in the expectation that we can 'move in' in early December. It may take a couple of weeks until we can formally open.

**Note: Most of the delay has been caused by a worldwide shortage of steel as international demand soared as economies emerge from the pandemic. Interestingly, one of the expected components was a piece of lightweight sheet steel for the ceiling. It transpired that the only source of such material is... Ukraine! Skyline have found an alternative solution...*

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The Lighthouse Church taking shape. Praise God!



The very first upright steel post being lifted into position – Friday 29 April, 8.30am!

Fund Raising

We are amazed at the generosity of people who have enabled us to approach the £2million mark. Thank you very much. We see this as God's provision and are confident that what he has started, he will finish.

About 4000 updates about The Lighthouse Church have been delivered to people's homes during April. We are keen to give people in the community the opportunity to support the replacement of the Parish Hall which was originally paid for by the people of Heswall rather than the church. As a result, funds are beginning to come in. However, we would like to raise £250,000 at this point and we know that is a big ask for people who have already contributed a lot. This is particularly true at a time of inflation, fuel crisis etc.

We are also looking at endowment funds and any other sources of funding that we can identify. We have got a contingency loan being arranged to complete the building but that obviously will need paying off later.

In addition to seeking external funding, we may need to consider asking those with pledges if they can extend the time over which they run, and for people to consider making legacies to pay off the loan.

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Weekly Services on the High Street

We have now started meeting for Sunday services every week at 9am at Heswall Methodist Church. This is an opportunity for us to come together and to belong to The Lighthouse Church. We would like to re-energise our congregation with new people and welcome those returning after Covid. We invite everyone to come, to be loved, love others and belong, Please bring friends - old and new - to experience what it means to belong to a Christian community.



Our first opportunity to gather on a Sunday for worship at The Lighthouse Church. A 45 minute service of praise and prayer. All very welcome. Bring a camping/folding chair. A great opportunity to get a feel for the size and shape of the building as it comes together.

TLC Preparation Team

We are making steady progress with issues around business plans, VAT questions etc. We are beginning to get a clearer vision for youth and children's work. Once the steel frame is up and roof on we will have a clearer idea when we can open The Lighthouse Church. This will allow us plan in earnest to start our ministries, and have opening events etc.

What should we be praying for?

- ⑥ **The safety of all those working on the site. A section of wall came down during construction which has now been repaired. No one was hurt, but it reminded us that building inherently has risks.**
- ⑥ **Good weather (minimal wind and rain during groundworks and minimal wind during frame construction)**
- ⑥ **The goodwill and tolerance of our neighbours on Telegraph Road**
- ⑥ **Provision of the last 20% of funding required to complete the project**
- ⑥ **Harmony and excitement as we see our new church building coming into being**

This bulletin is prepared by Jonathan Francis as Chairman of the Building Steering Group and Stephen Blair as Chairman of the TLC Preparation Team. We would welcome and suggestions as to how you would like to see the building being used. And also, if you have any concerns, please get in touch c/o Heswall Parish Office 342 3471.

