



TLC News

Contractors and Sub-contractors

You'll see a variety of names appearing on-site over the coming months as the various specialist skills required to construct a modern building come into play. You'll note that they are all local firms...

The Main Contractor:
Skyline Property Solutions Limited of Liverpool

Steel Frame:
T. Sullivan Engineering Ltd of Wallasey

Roofing installer
Hi-Spec Cladding and Roofing Ltd of Warrington

Structural Engineers
Thomasons (Liverpool office)

Services Engineers
CWC (Liverpool office)

Architects
Shedkm of Liverpool

Our QS
Modero Ltd of Liverpool

Kitchen and A/V suppliers still under review but likely to be local firms too.

Jon Francis

Project Overview

It has been of great encouragement this month to see the steel frame of The Lighthouse Church being lifted into place. We can now see the new building taking shape. So exciting. Praise God.

It was also a real joy to join together onsite for an Open Air Service on 15th May. God blessed us with a sunny Sunday morning – an opportunity to praise God for what he has done and to pray for what he is doing, and will do.

Thank you too to all who spread news of TLC by delivering some 4500 newsletters to homes in Heswall, and to the 75 people who responded to our recent community appeal adding to our project funds. **Rev. Martin Cannam**

Construction update

Photos of site 7 June 2022



Figure 1: All the structural steel has FINALLY arrived

After a 2-month delay, the last of the steel was finally delivered on 6th June, which will allow the entire steel frame to be completed by mid-month. Some deformation in the purlins overhanging Telegraph Road has now been solved. There were 2 wall collapses in May – attributable to Skyline trying to preserve momentum on the project while awaiting the steel. In hindsight the walls, not being

sion from the roof, should have been left at a lower level in the interim. Internal icted in breezeblock at the same time to

Figure 2: ...and the internal walling has started

the same levels, thereby bracing the external walls as they rise. This breeze-block construction is more robust than the original plan, provides better sound insulation and enables the builders to progress without waiting for the shell to be waterproof. The only downside is that the thickness of the walls is a little greater, with some loss of internal space. After extensive consultation with all our internal experts, the detailed kitchen design is now complete, with some work still to do to keep within budget. The passive ventilation system is currently being modelled to ensure it is effective before we agree to substituting it for the powered air handling unit. The various issues with steel and walls does not affect us under our fixed-price contract but it has led to delays in completion which is not now expected until early next year. Jon Francis



Give thanks - Trust and obey

When the Israelites were leaving slavery in Egypt, they were trapped with the Red Sea in front and the Egyptian army behind. God said. “Don’t be afraid. Just stand where you are and watch God rescue you (Gen 14.13) So they did, but in verse 15 God said” Tell the people to get moving” so they obeyed and crossed the Red Sea despite the danger of being washed away.

We have faced a seemingly insurmountable task of looking to fund the last £ half million for The Lighthouse Church. But God provides. God has provided substantial sums of money this month. 75 people responded to our appeal that went out into the community for which we are hugely grateful. We have also unexpectedly found an Endowment Fund (praise God) and received a generous legacy which the PCC can consider using.

This message of “stand and watch God rescue you, at the same time as get moving” seems contradictory, but it is a good message for us. Those legacies are from people who wanted to see God’s kingdom grow after they died, and it is a great example to each of us. A legacy is making a difference so that future generations can benefit. Now that we live so much longer, our children often have no great need for funds by the time that we die, so actually tithing our wealth that we can’t take with us is a good idea. The timing of these funds becoming available is God rescuing us.

The moving part for us, is spelled out by Jesus in Matthew 9 vs 37. “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field.” Therefore, as we have had building delays, we need to take this time to prepare ourselves to walk closely with God, to follow his directions as the Spirit moves us and to serve. The vision that God has given us, is :- A thriving, buzzing building where we can love our neighbour, share the good news of the Gospel, and grow in faith ourselves. What will your part be in this? – Stephen Blair

VAT

On a practical note, having taken advice from VAT experts, we are now in a position of being confident that our plans to run a hospitality area selling drinks and light snacks etc. will not prejudice the zero VAT rating of the building.

In addition, the increased income is expected to cover more than our running cost of the building including staffing. Finding the right staff is key. Please pray for wisdom in writing job descriptions etc.

Stephen Blair

Praise God for money received. Give thanks.

£21, 00 raised from the Community Newsletter Appeal

£39,500 found in Endowment funds held by the Chester Diocese which can be used for TLC

£25,000 grant from the Rank Foundation

The Parish has also received a generous legacy of £77,500 which the PCC will be able to decide how best to use.

Martin Cannam

What should we be praying for?

- ⑥ The safety of all those working on the site
- ⑥ Critical decision making about the form of ventilation
- 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 12% of funding required to complete the project
- ⑥ Harmony and excitement as we see our new church building coming into being