



Development Director's Report for the APCM 2012

1. Works Progress and Conservation of the Church

The Quinquennial Inspection report in 2008 showed restoration work was urgently required to prevent the tower becoming unsafe. A grant offer of £250,000 from English Heritage recognised the need for urgent repairs. The first part of their grant is for further inspections, currently underway, to compile a detailed list of work needed and preparation of tender specifications. The conservation work will repair serious water and frost damage to the tower and to the heavily corroded wrought iron pins securing major stonework. Further repairs include lead work to the outer sections of the nave and parapet and parapets to the Chapel, vestry and portico roofs as well as repairs to the nave flooring and toughened glass in the windows; all to prevent further water damage. Of this, work on the tower was most urgent as pieces of stonework are falling to the ground following the recent severe winter weather.

Most of the work on the dome and the top part of the tower is now complete and scaffolding has been removed on this section. The cross has been re-gilded and the lead on the dome replaced. Work is now underway on the octagonal and lower part of the tower by 4 May but removal of the scaffolding is likely to take a further 4 to 6 weeks. They also need to carry out re-leading work of the portico, once the main scaffold has been removed. The architect's estimate is this it is likely to take us to the first week in June.

2. Summary of Costs – including VAT

Conservation work	1,081,000
Improvements to facilities	525,000
Organ restoration	264,000
Community social work	250,000
Fees	130,000
Contingency	250,000
Total:	£2,500,000

Our contract with Crofts is a fixed price contract and the price will not vary according to the time they take to complete the work.

3. Summary of Revenue and Expenses for the Campaign at 30 September 2011

Receipts

English Heritage	£250,000
Shrewsbury Horticultural Society	£150,000
The Friends of St Chad's	£87,000
The Allchurches Trust	£6,000
National Churches Trust	£40,000
Congregation, with pledges	£227,000
Shropshire Historic Churches Trust	£7,500
The Fletcher Trust	£25,000
The Walker Trust	£25,000
The Lord Leverhulme Charitable Trust	£10,000
Shrewsbury Town Council	£10,000
Gill Franklin Trust	£500
The Garfield Weston Foundation	£10,000
Reekie Charitable Trust	£250
North Shropshire Community Churches Trust	£1,500
Legacy	£56,000
Gift Aid recovery	£25,000
Listed Places of Worship Grant	£22,120
Reserves	£200,000
CAMPAIGN TOTAL	£1,152,870

NB £50,000 of grant money has been given to the Ark project.

The English Heritage grant was a massive endorsement of St Chad's international heritage status and we recognise our duty to care for this iconic building. We have also received a grant of £40,000 from the National Churches Trust, their highest award this year. A local charity – Shropshire Horticultural Society, organisers of Shrewsbury Flower Show, has pledged a grant of £150,000. It is essential to complete the structural work as soon as possible.

4. Fundraising Activity

The PCC initially employed a company of professional fundraisers "Action Planning" on the recommendation of diocesan officers. This was a twelve month contract which terminated in February 2011. The Campaign was launched to the public at a reception hosted by the Lord Lieutenant for Shropshire in November 2010. The Campaign strategy is set by a Development Team, chaired by Peter Flint (Senior Partner of a firm of solicitors) and managed, since February 2011 by an appointed development director, David Tudor. The purpose of the Development Team is to monitor progress and to set the agenda and priorities for the appeal.

The campaign target is £2.5 million and this will also cover costs of restoration work on the nave and improving the facilities at St Chad's with a cafe, shop, kitchen facilities, new toilets, improved lighting and sound systems, restoration work on the Norman and Beard (1904) cathedral organ (which is now complete and paid for) and replacing the entrance doors to improve disabled access.

We plan to continue to support The Ark Drop-in Centre; funds are also needed to continue the work done with children through our Children and Families Worker. The Campaign will cover all work needed to conserve and equip the church, making it both a secure building and fit for a wider range of uses for the foreseeable future. There are still a number of outstanding objectives for the Campaign. In addition to the Ark, St Chad's is actively exploring mentoring work in connection with "Prison Fresh Start and New Beginnings", at Shrewsbury Prison, work with young people and families and development of its musical and educational activities. Facilities at the church need to be improved for hosting major events particularly concerts and conferences. St Chad's receives over 10,000 tourist visitors per year and it is important that these are made to feel welcome on a seven day a week basis with provision of a cafe, a kitchen and new toilets, a book shop and stewarding guides to the church.

The Development Office is working with Shropshire Community Foundation and others on a Business Plan and Constitution for a St Chad's Community Enterprise Business, which will be a separate registered company the directors of which will be appointed by the PCC. We are already trading above the £50,000 recommended for a registered charity. Many similar churches and cathedrals have now established trading companies to manage all their commercial activity. Our trading company is likely to be registered within the next 12 months.

5. Projected Fundraising (2012 - 2013)

Further grant applications including second round to HLF	£300,000
Approach to local businesses in Shrewsbury and Shropshire for donations and sponsorship - estimated	£50,000
A legacy Campaign to produce - estimated	£100,000
Support from a wealthy individual donor (support already pledged) est.	£300,000
Events in Shrewsbury and London*	£ 20,000

*A concert in London with the joint choirs of St Chad's and St Martin in the Fields are booked for 2012 together with several other fund raising events.

We have a duty to future generations to preserve this remarkable circular church and to ensure that it continues to play an increasingly important part in the life of Shrewsbury and Shropshire for many more centuries.

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