

Dear Friend

### **Linton Free Church Building Fund Gift Day – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

We were recently delighted to share with you the good news that the URC have both approved our proposed plans for the Church building and agreed a grant of £50,000 towards the cost of the work. We are now preparing further grant applications to meet as much as we can of the estimated costs of £185,000.

Most grant making bodies ask how much we have raised ourselves towards the project. The recent Church meeting agreed that now is therefore the time to launch an appeal to the Church and local community. The first step is to hold a Gift Day to enable Church members and friends to pledge how much they can give towards the project. We do not need your actual money until next March, but we do quickly need to get an indication of how much we can raise in order to demonstrate in our further grant applications, our own commitment to the project.

On **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021** we are holding a Gift Day for the Building Project. Doug Irish, our lead for the Building Project, recently shared a short presentation about the plans for the Church, the planned timetable and next steps and the need for pledges and prayer. You can see the video via the recent Church newsletter or on our website.

The current timescales are for us to go out to tender in January/February 2022, commence building work around May 2022 and complete the project by September 2022.

#### **What are we asking for?**

At this stage we do not need any money, we simply want you to tell us how much you can pledge to give to the project at a later date, probably around March 2022.

We are also interested to hear if you are willing to offer an interest free loan to the Church, to be repaid over a period. This may be helpful in case we have any shortfall on our fundraising or the actual costs of the project are higher than estimated.

#### **How do I make my pledge?**

You can either complete the form attached to this letter and return it to Will Crowhurst, Church Treasurer, by **19<sup>th</sup> July 2021** or use the electronic form on our website.

If you pay Tax in the UK, you can Gift Aid your giving. For every £10 given, if Gift Aided, the Church receives £12.50. Please indicate on the form if you can Gift Aid your giving.

#### **What else will we be doing?**

The Church and our buildings are an important part of the local community here in Linton and so we will be engaging with the wider community in other fund-raising activities.

Do join us on 11<sup>th</sup> July for our Gift Day service and, remember;

## **Please Pray and Pledge**

**If you have any questions please speak to Doug Irish, Ian Burns or Will Crowhurst (Church Treasurer)**

**The Minister and Elders, Linton Free Church**

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**My Pledge**

**Please tick and complete the sections that are relevant to you.**

I/we agree to pledge to give the amount of £..... (ENTER AMOUNT) to  
the Building Project by March 2022.  
(We will advise you of when we need to start collecting on the pledges as  
the project timetable could be subject to change)

I/we can offer an interest free loan to the Church for the Building Project  
from (enter date).....  
to be repaid by (enter date).....

I pay UK Tax and intend to Gift Aid my giving to the Building Project (we will  
supply you with a Gift Aid form)

Signature(s).....

Name(s).....

Phone number;.....

Email.....

Please return by 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to Will Crowhurst, Church Treasurer;

By email;      [wecrowhurst50@gmail.com](mailto:wecrowhurst50@gmail.com)

OR

By post; Mr Will Crowhurst, 30 Claydon Close, Castle Camps, Cambridge, CB21 4TD

The above information will be treated in complete confidence and only handled by the  
Church Treasurer.