

October 2007 Restoration Update



St Paul's Church, a grade II listed building built by William Wilberforce, the great parliamentarian, is nearing the end of an incredible journey. The journey, which began in earnest in 2002, has involved over 5 years of planning, fundraising, renovation and construction. It will have resulted in the restoration of our church by skilled craftsman, the reordering of the church to create additional seating and greater flexibility of use, the excavation of the crypt to create a vibrant community facility and the building of a new entrance foyer with disabled access.

During the summer months our contractors Jarvis launched into the third and final phase of the project: the north side extension and light well. This, with the completion of the external landscaping will see the building phase of the project reach its conclusion in December this year. Whilst the building will be complete, we continue our fundraising appeal, details of which can be found over the page.

St Paul's is now looking forward to the new opportunities the Restoration and Development Project will provide in 2008. As a church, we will be able to develop and strengthen our ministry, provide fully accessible community facilities, expand our church as a heritage site for schools and community groups, work more closely alongside St Paul's School, and provide a varied range of new social and educational activities for all. Collectively these elements will enhance the role of St Paul's to serve our community. We look to the future with great excitement.

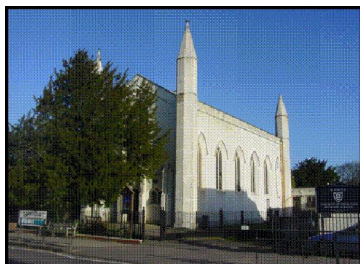
[A Message from the Rev'd Jonathan Shaw, Vicar of St Paul's Church](#)

Dear Friends,

As we approach the final months of the project, there is a real sense of excitement as we see the hard work of the past years coming to fruition. The benefits to the life of our church and community will be enormous. The crypt and reordered church will enable us to plan for the future with great enthusiasm. I am very appreciative of all the help and support St Paul's has received over the past years and I urge everyone to do all they can to help us complete the project.

Jonathan Shaw

Give thanks to the Lord and bless his name. For he is good; his unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100



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The Project

Phase 1 Restoration

A £659,000 restoration of our grade II listed building took place during 2005/6.

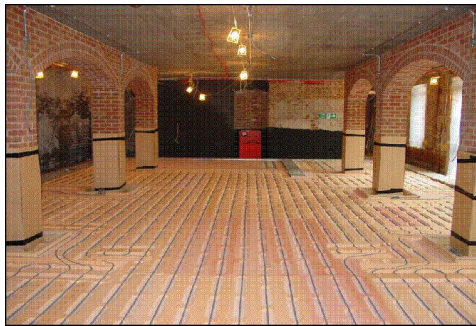
The building was re-rendered with traditional limewash materials, the west window and hood moulds were completely rebuilt in Bath stone, the east end was strengthened with a steel support, the roof renewed in Welsh slate and the finials and pinnacles re-cast and restored to their former glory. The craftsmanship of our contractors PAYE secured the long term future of the building.

Phase 2 The Crypt Development and Church Reordering

In September 2006, Jarvis took over the site to undertake major structural works.

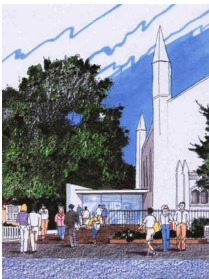
The crypt was excavated, the gallery was extended, the church floor demolished and rebuilt, the drainage and services upgraded throughout the site and the south side landscaped and equipped with crypt access via steps and ramp. The completion of phase II will run concurrently with the third and final phase. Phase 2 has cost £1,100,000.

The under floor heating is installed in the crypt.



Phase 3 New Entrance Foyer

This phase will provide the church with a new glass fronted entrance foyer with stairs and lift access to the crypt. The cost of this phase is £325,000 and it is here, along with the Organ and Wish List, that we are concentrating our fundraising efforts.



The New Entrance Foyer



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The Church That Wilberforce Built

The project has cost over £2.1 million and, in addition to actively fundraising for the third phase (£325,000), we have also launched an organ appeal to secure an important part of our musical heritage. Also, once the building is finished, as with any project, there will be a host of other items to buy ranging from furniture to audio and catering equipment. So, our fundraising campaign continues. Your continued support will be invaluable.

The Organ Appeal

Fund target £91,000

Appeal Total to date

£63,585

The Appeal, launched in February 2007, has shown us that there is a real desire and commitment to returning the organ to church. Donations by the congregation and Trusts have meant that we have now been able to send the organ away to George Sixsmith and Son to start its journey of restoration. Securing the additional funds will ensure the organ's future at St Paul's.



St Paul's Church Organ Pipes

Donations and Sponsoring a Pipe

Donations of any size are most welcome. For donations over £500 you can *Sponsor a Pipe* in memory of a loved one or on behalf of an individual. A record of such donations will be inscribed in our Organ Restoration Records. Names of all supporters can appear on our website. As a supporter of our organ you will also receive information on all our musical events as well as a booklet on the restoration of the organ once complete. Please turn to page 4 for details on how to make a donation or complete the enclosed donation form.



An Urgent Appeal to Secure our musical heritage

The organ parts preparing for their journey.

There is a real sense of occasion when organ music fills the church; it is part of our heritage. Support from the congregation and wider community is critical if we want to retain the pipe organ and support musical traditions at St Paul's.

Tansy Castledine
St Paul's Church Director of Music

We would like to extend our thanks to musicians Andrew Knight (Harp), Matt Smith (Flute) and Holly Lowe (Harp) and the St Paul's Festival Choir and Westchester Country Day School Chorale from America, for recitals they have given in aid of the Organ Restoration Appeal.

St Paul's Wish List

As with any refurbishment and building project, there is a host of new items that are needed to complete the project. We would welcome sponsors for particular items ranging from as little as £20-£2,500 such as those listed

- * Furniture
- * Audio/ Visual Equipment *
- * Storage Containers
- * Kitchen Utensils
- * Cutlery and Crockery *
- * Children's Equipment
- * Display Units*

If you would like to see the current list, please contact The Parish Office 020 8906 3793 or email chris@stpaulschurchmillhill.co.uk

Thank You

We have received support from many individuals, Foundations, Trusts and community groups. Recent donations have included The Garfield Weston Foundation, The Wyndham Charitable Trust, The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation and The City Bridge Trust. Thanks also go to the sponsors of our Fundraising Co-ordinator who ran the London Marathon this year (you raised £2,500), and to the many people who have organised coffee mornings, recitals, sales and events for the Restoration Fund. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank you.



Further Information and How to make a Donation

For further information on the project please contact:
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You can donate online at www.justgiving.com/stpaulschurchmillhill
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