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Building Development Project Update

Church reroofed and rewired!

(And new homes for the bats as well!)



The new roof uses burnt ochre tiles.



One of two new bat boxes.

After a 12-month delay because bats were found in the church roof, we are delighted that the reroofing of the main nave has been completed.

A detailed bat survey last year revealed the presence of six common pipistrelle bats and one brown long-eared bat. So a bat license had to be obtained and two luxury bat boxes installed on the back of the church to provide them with new roosts. At the same time the church has been completely rewired.

The work cost more than £95,000. A huge thank you to (continued)

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everyone who has helped us raise this, supporting fundraising events or making a donation. We are also grateful to the following grant giving bodies for their help: Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Sir John Priestman Charitable Trust, Congregational and General Charitable Trust, Allchurches Trust, Co-op Community Fund and the Proudfoot Group. The bat license and boxes have been funded by a North Yorkshire County Council Locality Budget grant from Cllr. Andrew Backhouse. **Thank you to everyone.**

The next phase.

We are now working hard on the next phase of our development plan which is to build an annex on to the side of the church where the current main entrance is. This will



include a meeting room, office, toilets and storage space, and the current Sunday School room will become a kitchen with a serving hatch opening in to the baptistery area. The current church entrance porch will be replaced with a glazed atrium space providing access to both the church and the new extension. (See the plan). This will enable us to serve refreshments at the back of church at functions, concerts and services and we hope to run a **Community Café** during the week. The office will provide a base for our family & youth worker and for an administrator. The meeting room will be available for the community to use as well as the church.

The estimated cost of this next phase is £250,000.

If we are as successful as we have been so far it should take us between two and three years.

In this leaflet you'll find details of our next series of fundraising events and initiatives. *Please help us if you can. Thank you.*

Rev. Mike Leigh, Vicar

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