

STAPLEHURST FREE CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT



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It gives us great pleasure to say, once again, THANK YOU, on behalf of the whole fellowship... for your continued support.

We have now appointed our Lead Consultants and **The Building Fund Total** has reached £150,000

Kent County Council has agreed two grants:

Member Community Grant £1,000
Small Community Capital Project Fund £2,706.00

For both, we would like to extend thanks to Councillor Hotson for his input and recommendation, and to Councillor Lusty for his encouragement. (Councillor Lusty officiated at our Fund Raising Launch day by cutting our cake!)

We continue to contact Grant Making Organisations.

We are now sending local businesses information and we trust that some may be inspired to become involved with this local regeneration project.

The Marsh Trust

A donation of £450 thank you!

Talent Project We had a fantastic response to this. The church 'gave away' £1,000.00!

Church members worked to increase and return this money before Harvest Time!

Projects included Garden Produce; Jam/ Chutney, Fudge Production; Rug Making; Original

Art Work; Enamelled Jewellery; Greetings Cards; Flowerpot Decoration (plus plants); Wonderful framed photographs; Woven Bead Work; Flower Arranging; Sponsored Haircut and Scary Theme Park Ride...and the list goes on - only space restricts their inclusion! £5,384.59 was received and this is still growing!

Boot Sale Thanks to organisers Joanne Clapton and her husband Paul, also to the Parish Council, Doreen Braganza for the use of the Guide Centre and Mrs Gill Errey and 3rd Staplehurst Guides for some wonderful refreshments.

Bike Ride Emma Holmes raised £215 for us by cycling 107 miles over two days between Fareham Hampshire and Staplehurst Wow!!

Anonymous Donations

For every one, thank you so much

*Wishing you every blessing,
The Fund Raising Committee, Staplehurst
Free Church*