Cornerstone Church, Brighouse - Building Redevelopment Project

Cornerstone Church, Brighouse outgrew it's building over 20 years ago and began renting a number of community spaces. The original building was retained and the ground floor was repurposed as a church community cafe in 2012 (Café 139). The house adjoining this building was offered to the church at a discounted price and, with the generous help of a neighbouring church, the congregation of Cornerstone Church stepped out in faith and purchased the property. The acquisition gave the potential to create a space for the church to meet again in the neighbourhood where it was founded in 1977. It also provided a great opportunity to restart a number of ministries and explore new ones. God graciously opened so many doors that the church family agreed that it was right to continue to seek His guidance in the redevelopment of the two buildings, transform and extend the building and re-establish a presence in the community that it has so many links with.

Why do we need to develop our building?

The 2 main priorities:

1) Create a permanent home for the present and future church family
2) Provide a modern, accessible and fit for purpose resource from which to serve the local community

What will realising Project 139 achieve?

There are 5 key church and community objectives:

1) promote the Christian faith to as many people as possible
2) accomodate the growing church congegation
3) provide a number of different spaces for church and community-based activity
4) create dedicated office, hot-desking and small conferences spaces for community use
5) Enable easy and safe access to church and community activity

How is Project 139 progressing?

- As of today, over £618K (75% of the £820K needed) has been raised through gifts from congregation and other churches; there have also been generous grants from other organisations and trusts
- Significant work to the roof including the fitting of roof lights has been completed
- The basement phase has been completed and is now in use
- The existing hall on the first floor has been refurbished as a temporary space for worship
- The structural work to the adjacent property has reached the point where the two buildings can be fully integrated

What are the next steps?

- Raise the additional funds to complete the project – primarily through gifts from the congregation, use of a mortgage offer from Kingdom Bank and further applications to grant awarding bodies
- Move out of the building (whilst keeping the café and basement spaces free to function) and commence the building and fit-out work
- Plan to maximise the resource for the benefit of the local and wider community

Where do I get more information?

Have a look at the church website or, even better, come and visit us and we'll be delighted to show you around!
www.cornerstone-church.co.uk/project-139/