

# **Trinity United Reformed Church**

## **BIG BUILD PROJECT**

### **Project Information Pack**



**Providing a place of welcome and support at the  
very heart of the community.**

**Trinity URC**

**Torr Lane, Plymouth, Devon, PL3 5NY**

**The United Reformed Church South Western Synod Incorporated  
Company No 1328728 and Charity No 275364**

## Introduction

Trinity United Reformed Church is a vibrant and busy community church nestled between the Hartley, Pennycross and Peverell areas of Plymouth.

As well as being a well attended church with a membership of 120 it also houses vital community spaces and services throughout the week.

Local groups benefit from the range of spaces and facilities.

In any week at Trinity you could find Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, various dance classes, badminton, choirs and musical groups, University of the Third Age [U3A] Slimming World and much more.



A weekly lunch club also offers a warm welcome and a chance for people to come together for a home cooked meal and time with others – this is particularly important for the elderly people in our local community who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

As a church we do all that we can to serve our community and see this as an important part of our ministry – everyone receives a warm, open and non-judgemental welcome regardless of their faith, background or circumstances. And this has a positive impact on many hundreds of people each and every week. As one local resident commented recently –

**“I don’t come to church, but I can see just how much you do for the community”**

However, we know we have much more to do. Our current buildings simply cannot serve the community effectively for the future. Our dated kitchen cannot cater for the numbers we serve, our dated facilities and access for anyone with mobility needs and a lack of open meeting spaces for people to meet, share and enjoy being part of the community.



The current façade of Trinity URC

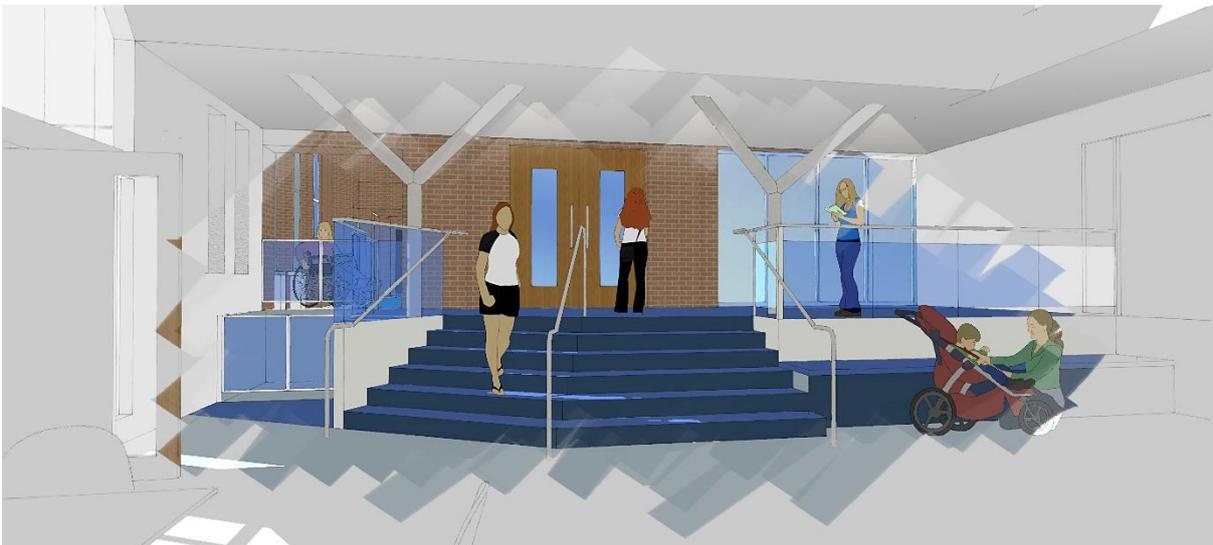
## Our BIG BUILD plan

In response to this growing need and an acknowledgement that our current spaces are so out of date we have worked with the community to devise a plan for the future.

Our BIG BUILD project will create a brand-new welcome and community space, set sympathetically between the existing church buildings.



The new spaces will address key issues surrounding disability access. The provision of a platform lift will allow free and easy access to all spaces and toilet facilities



A new kitchen will be installed enabling us to better serve the increasing numbers of people being fed each week.

The new welcome area will mean that the church provides a focal point in the community for people to meet, not just to attend an activity or group – but simply a place to be.



In our consultations with the local community we have received such positive feedback about everything that Trinity does and there is a real excitement about the potential for the new project and the positive impact it will have locally.

The following floor plan shows how these new spaces will provide so much more of a welcome to all whilst also creating one cohesive venue that is accessible for everyone to enjoy.



## Cost Plan

We have worked with New Way UK who have extensive experience in designing, planning and budgeting for major construction projects, including many churches, to fully plan and cost our project.

The total cost of the redevelopment and provision of these brand-new community spaces and facilities stands at £880,000 including VAT.

A summary of the full budget is provided below, with a full breakdown given in Appendix One.

Description	Amount (£)
New Build extension	384,924
Refurbishment of existing buildings	138,880
Professional & Design Fees	85,123
Fixtures, fittings and facilities upgrades	103,900
Full risk allowances, including inflation	89,299
VAT	78,042
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£880,168</b>

We are currently seeking professional advice on the treatment of VAT for our project. We are confident that some of the new build costs will qualify for considerable exemption by nature of the community spaces we are developing.

## Fundraising

We have been greatly encouraged by the response of the church membership in their support for the project. From a membership of 120, funds already pledged, one off gifts given and pledges over the next three years amount to £110,000.

We have also been encouraged to apply for significant support from the URC Synod and discussions are currently ongoing with a view to receiving a pledge of at least £100,000 to provide major support for the project.

Throughout the next two years we also have a growing and increasingly busy programme, including community fundraising events, concerts and initiatives to encourage the local community to support these new facilities that will, in turn improve their community for the future. We expect these to raise £50,000 over the next two years.

We are now approaching a small number of grant making organisations to help us secure further support so that we can progress our plans and begin to build. Major applications are being submitted to the Garfield Weston Foundation, Allchurches Trust, Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, Laing Family Trusts, Church Urban Fund and Viridor Credits as well as a number of funders who seek to support charitable and community endeavours in the Plymouth and Devon area.

## TO DONATE :

Account name: Trinity URC Big Build Fund Sort code: 40-52-40 Account number: 00031649