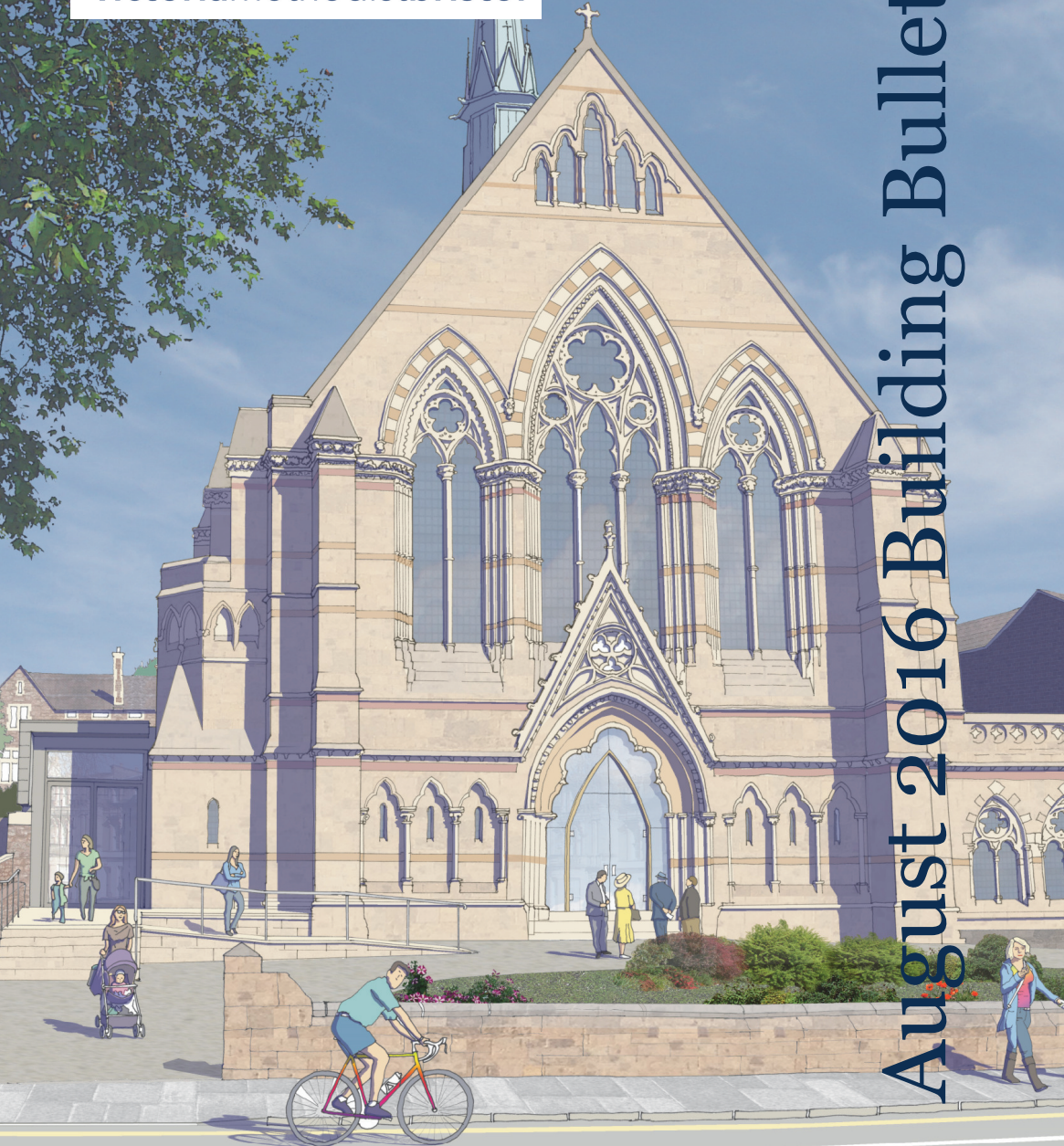



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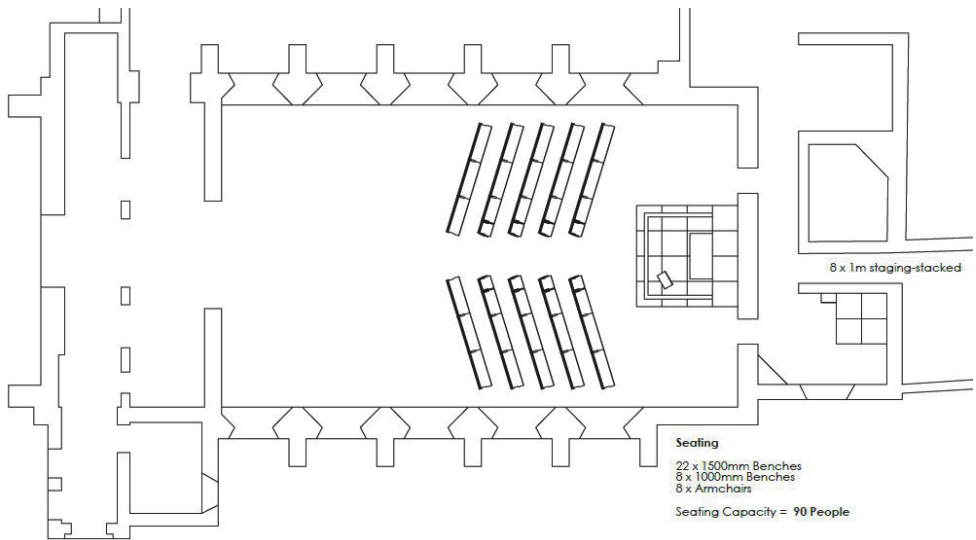
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Here is our fifth building bulletin bringing you updates of our Faith in the Future building project at Victoria Methodist Church. Our architects, Stride Treglown, are currently in the process of finalising their designs ready for the work to go out for tender over the summer as well as applying for planning permission from the council (this is different to the listed building consent which we have already obtained). We are hoping that the phase A work will begin in October and be finished by about mid-February. This will involve changes to the porch, narthex and sanctuary area, as well as installation of the new lift, so we will have to move our services downstairs to the large hall for the duration of the work. A handrail will soon be installed along the ramp down to the hall. The rooms at the back of the church should remain accessible and unaffected throughout.



Church Furniture

In May we invited several companies to submit proposals to design our sanctuary furniture. Based on design, price and service the church decided to appoint Treske as our supplier. We have already had some initial meetings with Treske and they are now working on some designs ahead of several more meetings (including with the whole congregation on Sunday 14 August) for us to provide more feedback and input into the design process. Our listed building consent places certain limits on our seating options. We will most



likely have stacking benches (shown on the left) providing seating for about 90-100 people which can be be stocked up with chairs for occasions when we expect to fill the church (the choir vestry will act as the chair store). At the front of the church we are looking to replace our existing communion area with flexible staging blocks, a removable communion rail, as well as a new communion table and lecterns/pulpits. Alongside a standard setup for most services (shown above), this will allow us to have different layouts to suit a wide variety of occasions, such as all-age worship, the presence of a band and/or choir, carol services, weddings, concerts, exhibitions, plays etc. We are looking at ways to dispose sensitively of the existing furniture and there may be a possibility of 'sponsoring' new furniture. If you might like to buy an old pew or would like any new items of furniture to commemorate certain individuals then please do speak to someone on the Faith in the Future committee.

Funding

Our application for a grant from the Methodist Connexion was successful and we received the full £125,000 we asked for. A grant application for repairs to the roof was also successful. This means that with funding from the Circuit, the District, another

Status	Source	£
Received	Individual donations	300,000
	Vic members - pledges	46,500
	Fundraising events	8,493
	External grants	20,000
Pledged	Circuit grant	250,000
	District grant	20,000
	Connexional grant	125,000
	Individual donations	75,000
	External grants	0
	Vic members - pledges	35,000
		879,993
Spent	Architect and preliminaries	-54,600
	Roof	-20,000
		805,393
To obtain	Individual donations	100,000
	Vic fundraising	45,112
	Connexional grant	75,000
	Other external grants	230,000
Totals		1,255,505

external grant-maker and pledges from the congregation (which we hope will soon be fulfilled) we now have enough money to begin the phase A work (which totals £705,505). We are continuing with grant applications to cover the phase B work. The church has staged a wide variety of fundraising events from book and plant sales to garden and dinner parties. These are providing a steady stream of income towards the project. We also intend to hold a gift day in the autumn at which we will ask members of the congregation to fulfil their pledges and consider making new gifts or pledges.

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