



**BROADMEAD  
Baptist Church**

*Loving God  
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Dear Friends

As you will know, the Broadmead Buildings Action Team (BBAT) was set up in March 2008 to explore ways in which the buildings could be made more user-friendly and fit for purpose.

BBAT has been working with an architect to develop plans that will bring glory to God, meet the needs of the church (including those who currently use the building), benefit the community and satisfy the planners. There is considerable detail still to be worked out, and the final proposals for the building will be the subject of a Special Church Meeting before any planning application is made.

Running alongside the process of developing the plans, there is now a need to begin fundraising.

Although we do not yet have a fully costed plan for redeveloping the buildings we know that the likely cost will be considerable, not only to do the work, but also just to get to the stage of receiving planning approval.

The Church Meeting has agreed to the setting up of a Fundraising Team to begin raising the necessary funds. The team has begun to put together a strategy which will involve funding from a variety of sources. As well as members giving, there is the possibility of grants and loans but potential funders will want to see that we are committed before writing out their cheques!

We would like you to join us as we:

□ **Pray**

Give thanks for:

progress so far;  
positive responses from the planning authorities.

Pray for:

wisdom and guidance for the building team and the architect;  
unity in the whole church that we might move forward together.

□ **Think**

about how you and your family can be involved;  
about an event that you could organise;  
be creative - if you have an idea for an event please let the fundraising team know via the [fundraising@broadmead.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@broadmead.org.uk) email address (so that we can ensure that events are fairly spaced).

□ **Commit**

to giving towards the project by completing the form attached and returning it via the church office;  
remember that every little helps, from a smartie tube filled with pennies to a cheque for a £1,000.

□ **Get started**

Use the enclosed “do-it-yourself fundraising kit” which includes:

- **a tube of smarties** (smarties included) - one for each person:  
eat the smarties (but not all at once!) and start filling the empty tube with coins (a tube of pennies would = 68p, 5p = £3.40, 20 = £11.20 and £1 = £34),  
return your filled tube to the fundraising team and start the process again;
- **a self-build moneybox** (coins not included!):  
build the box, decorate it to your liking and start filling the empty box with coins;
- **a response form**:  
fill in the form and return it via the box in the church or to any member of the team.

We hope that you will join us on this exciting journey and we look forward to receiving your forms, and in due course filled smartie tubes and moneyboxes.

Thank you

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