**Brunswick Church**

**Building Lives Refurb Project**

**Proposals for raising the 46k funding gap for Phase 1 Works**

As PCC is aware, based on the 2019 costings for Phase 1 of the Refurb Project, we still need to raise £46k. In order to do so, the Refub Funding group propose the following:

* Apply to the Diocese for a Church Building Grant of £15k - a draft application has been emailed to Archdeacon Karen Lund. (The application requires her support, which she has said she will give). SJ is awaiting comments from her, following which the application will be submitted. It is hoped that we will receive a response before the proposed start date of 12 April.
* Apply to Awards for All for a grant of £10k - HG has spoken with A4A and they have confirmed that we are eligible to apply. We need to identify a specific part of the works that the £10k would pay for and ensure that cost is incurred **after** the grant is awarded (application process takes 12 weeks so mid/end May). We are in the process of identifying a suitable part of the work and HG will then submit the application in the next week or so.
* Apply to the Council for Social Aid for one of their small grants of £5k. Next trustee meeting is 11 March. SJ to submit an application for consideration at that meeting.
* Apply to The Screwfix Foundation for a grant of £5k. Their next review date is in March. SJ to draft application and submit by the end of February.
* Ask Manchester City Council for a donation - Paul Keeble has had a favourable response from them, but we are awaiting confirmation. This could be up to £15k but is likely to be less.
* Congregation members have already pledged a further £8,750 (inc. Gift Aid). Some of this would be received following the proposed start date. Further pledges may be made following congregation updates.
* A letter has been sent to the diaspora. A request has already been made for bank details to make a donation and more may be forthcoming.
* It is proposed that a letter be sent to local churches asking if they are able to support the project financially. SJ has been keeping Holy Trinity Platt (who have been praying for our project) updated on progress and it may be that they will respond with a donation.

We have received an offer of an interest free loan of up to £50k (to be repaid whenever possible), should we need it. The offeror has asked to remain anonymous, but is known to the Church and is a reliable source. In the event that the above proposals do not raise the funds required to start the Phase 1 works, the funding group may seek PCC permission to accept this offer.