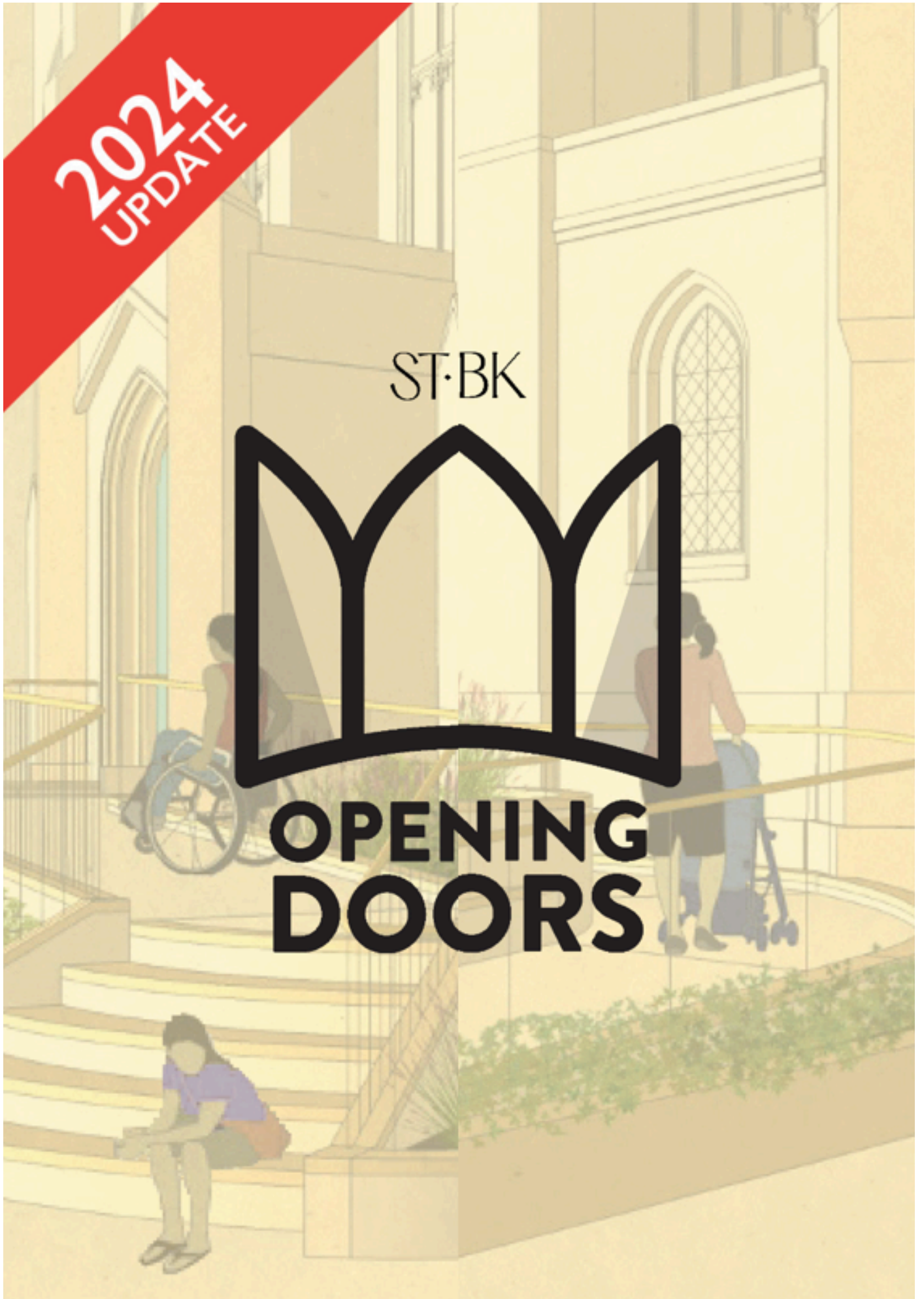


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OUR VISION

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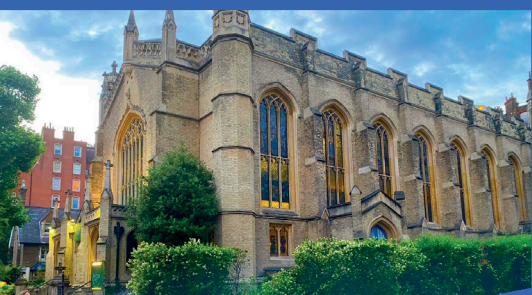
is an exciting project that will enable us at St Barnabas to bring our church building into line with our vision to be a place of welcome, growth and outreach in the heart of our local community.

Built in 1829, the building has developed over time into a beautiful and flexible space for worship and varied activities. It's a wonderful asset for the whole neighbourhood. However, aspects of the building prevent us today from using it to its full potential: the steps are a barrier to many, our heating is costly and outdated, and our historic organ is in urgent need of repair.

Opening Doors responds to this need. It will release our building to be used to its full potential for both worship and witness. Let's pray that through this project, God will enable us to open not only the doors of our building, but also the doors of opportunity to reach out in new ways to those around with the love of Jesus.

Andy Buckler

Vicar, St Barnabas Kensington

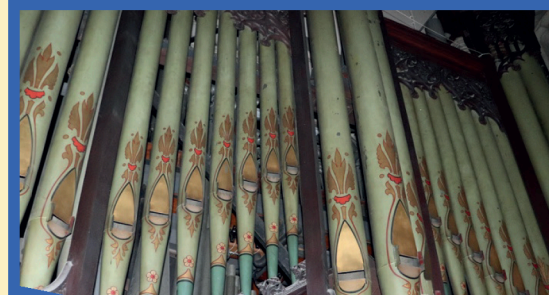


STBK CHURCH

St Barnabas is a thriving community of over 40 nationalities that has strong links with the local area. As well as providing worship and pastoral care through our four Sunday services, our multiple activities regularly draw in or reach out to hundreds of people from the wider community. The church building is central to this community dynamic.

Current activities include weekly Soft Play, services for St Barnabas & St Philip's school, children's and youth clubs, refugee support, cultural and artistic events, concerts and charity events, counselling and support services, a Music School, meetings of AA and of local Residents' Associations, Marmalade Duck Nursery, Night Shelter for the homeless... The building is there for all to use!

This project will allow us to engage the urgent works needed not only to continue to host these different activities, but also to expand our outreach in and to the local community.



PROJECT

A PROJECT IN THREE DIMENSIONS

Access for all

Our dream at St Barnabas is to open the doors to all, whatever ability or age. **New ramp access** on the north side of the church will make the church fully accessible and will provide an enhanced entrance. Inside the building, **an internal lift** down to the level of crypt meeting rooms, together with **stair-lift** into the Howard Hall, will provide step-free access for all. These exciting works will really open the doors to all those wanting to be a part of the St Barnabas community!

Carbon-neutral Heating

The project gives an exciting opportunity to install heating in the church that is both more efficient and more respectful of the environment. Firstly, **radiators** will be installed behind the pews and later, in the chancel and galleries. In a phased process to get to net zero, we will be installing **air source heat pumps** in the near future to provide power for the whole heating system, but it will initially be powered by a gas boiler.

Organ restoration

Our fine **1856 JW Walker organ**, which is used for worship every week, has been dismantled, the pipes have been refurbished and this work is on schedule. We may delay putting the organ back until the heating works have been carried out. Its restoration is part of our vision to use the music and arts that define our local neighbourhood as a springboard for mission. This work will restore it to its former glory in sound and looks. It is wonderful that much of the cost for this has already been raised by generous donations.

An opportunity to be generous

As a church, we want to use everything we have to bless others. So we are also setting aside a percentage of our **Opening Doors** budget to support wider mission, both local and international.



MY RESPONSE

The total estimated cost for the project is £1.75m.

A significant portion of this will be covered by grants, but much will come from gifts and fundraising activities.

This is a challenge that calls for prayer and practical response. The good news is that we have already received donations of over £750,000! But there remains a significant amount to raise.

So please consider how you might be involved through giving, fundraising or practical help.

Every contribution will be welcome!

Let's pray together that through this project doors will open for God's love to be more widely known.

For more information and to contribute
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