

Churchgrants 20 Minute Masterclass

PLANNING A CAPITAL PROJECT



Welcome

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- ▶ Questions to our panelists
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- ▶ This session is being recorded and the video will be available along with the slides at <https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/request-fundraising-information/>



Who are we?

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What you will learn today

The right order in which to approach a capital project



Who can help you and when to ask them



The key things you need to get right at each stage

Before you begin



**PREPARE YOURSELF
SPIRITUALLY**



**PREPARE YOUR
COMMUNITY**



**IDENTIFY TALENTS AND
SKILLS GAPS**



**GET STRUCTURES IN
PLACE TO SUPPORT YOU**

What do you
want to
achieve and
why?

What are the needs and issues
your church faces?

What are the needs and issues
your community faces?

Is a capital project the right
way to solve them?

How will the capital project
solve them?

Design scheme and permissions

Start

- Start with your Quinquennial Inspection (QI) – get a new one if needed

Open

- Open the dialogue with Parish Property Support

List

- List the problems you are trying to solve (internal and external)

Identify

- Identify how changes to your building can solve the problems

Write

- Write a 'statement of significance and needs' and architect briefing

Find

- Find an architect you trust and commission them

Helpful Resources

- ▶ **Crossing the threshold**

- ▶ <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/Crossingthethresholdtoolkit/>

- ▶ **Community Audits**

- ▶ <https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/community-audits/>

- ▶ **Statement of Significance and needs**

- ▶ <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/statements-significance-and-needs>

Budgeting and planning to fundraise

- Realistic, robust budget
- Commission a quantity surveyor
- Assess church's fundraising experience and capacity
- Identify and assess all possible sources of support
- Do a 'contacts audit'
- Estimate how much you can raise from each source
- Is it enough? If not, go back to your budget
- Appoint a member of your church to take the lead

Developing a realistic, robust budget is the single most important thing you can do

Implementing your fundraising campaign

Stage one

raising your fighting fund – ensure that you have enough money to fund your project costs – architects, surveyors etc – no one else is going to fund it

Stage two

raising your contribution to the project – most funders will want to see that you are contributing to the project – at least 10% and as close to 50% as you can get

Stage three

raising funds from external sources – once you have hit your threshold go out to all external sources simultaneously

Stage four

the final heave – once you know how much you have raised from external sources, go back to your church community and ask them to give and raise the rest

Remember

- ▶ Every aspect of your plan will change –that’s okay! Keep revisiting it.
- ▶ Unexpected avenues will open up – follow them wherever they lead.

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**IF YOU DO NOT
EXPECT THE
UNEXPECTED YOU
WILL NOT FIND IT,
FOR IT IS NOT TO BE
REACHED BY SEARCH
OR TRAIL.**

• HERACLITUS •

Seven steps of fundraising



Identify your prospects



Research them (legally)



Plan: when and how will you approach them?



Engage: Start a conversation with them.



Ask: The ask should be made by the most senior person



Confirm: Get it in writing!



Thank: Promptly, personally and repeatedly

Donors who are thanked properly give again, donors who aren't, don't!



Any questions?

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Good luck!

- ▶ [Diocese of London Parish Property Support](#)
- ▶ <https://www.london.anglican.org/support/buildings-and-property/>
- ▶ [Church Grants \(subscription paid by Diocese of London\)](#)
- ▶ <https://london.churchgrants.co.uk/>
- ▶ [Parish Fundraising Support](#)
- ▶ <https://www.london.anglican.org/support/fundraising/>

