

BARNOLDSWICK GOSPEL MISSION

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Church Building Newsletter

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The Story So Far

The Warehouse, Wellhouse Road, Barnoldswick (pictured right) was purchased for conversion to a church building in February 2008. The purchase price of £200,000 was financed entirely by donations from Members and friends of the fellowship given over a period of many years, and in some instances at considerable sacrifice.



Major refurbishment works were required to make the building suitable for use as a church building, in particular the installation of steelwork adequate to support the floor at first floor level. Building Regulations Approval was granted in April 2009 and after many months of preparatory work installation of the steelwork was completed in June 2010. Laying of the new floor and erection of stud partition walls to the ground floor accommodation was completed by the end of 2010.

The Aim

Our aim is to see the project completed during 2011 and the first phase, the ground floor providing office, kitchen, and group meeting rooms, may be ready for occupation by late Spring.

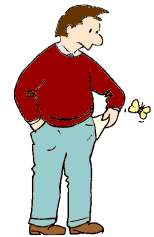
Most of the refurbishment work that has been carried out to date has been done by volunteers from within the church at minimal cost. However there are further elements of the work that will need to be undertaken by commercial contractors, and there will then be fitting out works required in order to complete the project.

Funding Requirements

Approximately £30,000 (including professional fees) has so far been spent on the refurbishment. This has again been financed entirely by donations from Members and friends of the fellowship. The estimated cost of completing the ground floor (relying on the assistance of volunteers) is a further £15,000; the cost of refurbishing the first floor, to provide the main worship area, has yet to be quantified but it is likely to be at least as much again, if not somewhat more.

Our present target is therefore to raise at least a further **£40,000** towards the estimated cost of completing the refurbishment. A **special gift day** will be held on **Sunday 27th March** when we would invite you to make a gift towards this target. If you do not have the funds readily available then we would invite you to make a pledge of the amount that you will be able to give so that we are aware of the level of funding that is available from within the fellowship. Any gift, however small, will be greatly appreciated. Response Forms are available for use for gifts and pledges.

Even if you are unable to consider making a gift at this time we would value your prayers for us as we seek to move forward in the will of God. We ask that you would pray that the long awaited move to more suitable premises would be realised and enable the fellowship to move on in its ministry to the town of Barnoldswick. Pray also that the necessary funding would be forthcoming to enable this to be attained sooner rather than later.



Funding Policies

Barnoldswick Gospel Mission is self-supporting, relying on the free will offerings of its membership (presently numbering 47) and others attending the various meetings. The Church employs a full time Pastor as well as financing the activities of all the groups and events presently run. No charge is made for entry to any of the meetings. 10% of the total income for each year is transferred to a Missionary Fund for donations to Missionary causes.

We believe that giving is an act of worship and a sacrifice to God. Biblical giving is not done in return for goods or anything else so we do not hold fund raising events. We believe that fundraising should be by free will offering to the church, and by making our project known to appropriate grant giving bodies and organisations. "Each man must give as he has decided in his heart, not under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" 2 Corinthians 9:7



Roughly two thirds of our gift income is given under Gift Aid and we are grateful for the additional income that we are able to reclaim under the scheme. If you pay income tax and are considering making a gift we would encourage you to do so by using Gift Aid, and if at all possible before 5th April 2011 after which date the rate of recovery will be reduced.



Practical Help

Volunteers are always welcome to help out on **Tuesday evenings** to assist with the refurbishment work in whatever way you are able. Meet at The Warehouse at **7.00 pm**. Occasional working parties are also held on Saturdays when required - contact Roy Lund for further information.

Contact

If you would like further information concerning the project please do not hesitate to contact the Church Secretary and Treasurer:-

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