



**SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM  
EVERYONE AT ST MARTIN'S**



## THE RENEWAL PROJECT: A YEAR IN PICTURES



**Images:** (1) Revd Holtam reads a blessing as the new toilets are opened in the Café in the Crypt - they are the first physical example of Renewal Project's transformation of the site (2) Iron railings from around the site are removed and sent to Bristol for restoration (3) The York Stone paving slabs are individually lifted and placed in storage to be returned at the end of the project

(4) The Blessing and Ground-breaking Ceremony marks the beginning of the major building work © David Lindsay (5) The Museum of London Archaeological Service (MoLAS) begins its survey of the site (6 & 7) Condemned burial vaults that lie beneath the ground to the North and East of the church are demolished (8) Concrete piling is installed to

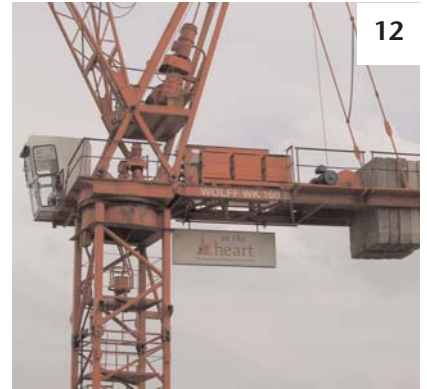
support the new building (9 & 10) The remaining bulk of earth is removed to form a two-storey deep hole (11) St Martin's hosts a reception for Allied Irish Bank to thank them for their generous support of the project © David Lindsay (12) A tower crane is erected to move materials on site (13) Concrete is laid to form the floor of the new underground spaces



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(14) Steel reinforcements are put in place to strengthen the structure (15) A wooden template for the new lightwell is constructed (16) The campaign makes its second fundraising trip to the US - President of the US Foundation, Tom Joyce hosts a reception for potential donors and supporters in Minneapolis (17) Pre-fabricated temporary accommodation

to house the Connection at St Martin's during building work is brought on site and assembled (18) A wooden template for the new lift is constructed.

*You make it happen!*

Donations made  
1 August- 30 September 2006:

- Architecture Club
- Morag Beattie
- Bishop Ho Ming Wah Association
- Judith Brearley
- Dr L R Cooke
- Kathleen Dahlgren
- Fleming Family & Partners
- Mrs G A Goodhart
- Mr & Mrs Alistair Greason
- Sue Greenwood
- Miss K Halsall (Legacy)
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- Ron Todd
- Meriel A Wilmot-Wright
- Antony Woodall

*Thank you!*



## RAPHAEL WALLFISCH RAISES SPIRITS & FUNDS

The internationally-renowned cellist Raphael Wallfisch took advantage of the famed acoustics of St Martin's in October and raised nearly £5,000 for the Renewal Project.

In a physically and emotionally demanding performance, he played all six of the Bach Cello Suites to a deeply appreciative audience full of Bach enthusiasts, cello-lovers and campaign supporters.

St Martin's has a rich musical history and the generosity and support of such talented musicians like Raphael will help keep this tradition alive.

On behalf of St Martin's, we thank him for his energy, enthusiasm and efforts to help bring us closer to our £36 million fundraising goal!

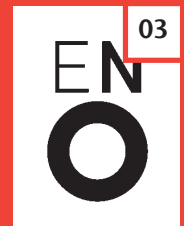


Images: (left) Raphael prepares to play, (top right) Revd Holtam presents Raphael with a history of St Martin's to thank him for his support, (bottom right) members of the audience congratulate Raphael on an outstanding performance. © David Lindsay

## What's On?

Don't miss these upcoming special events at St Martin's:

- 01 **The Academy of St Martin in the Fields** returns to its spiritual home with *Simply Strings* - a programme of sublime string music. Thursday 30 November, 7.30pm. Tickets from £6. A concert not to be missed.
- 02 **St Martin's Community Carols** carols and readings presented by the voices of those who live and work around Trafalgar Square. Tuesday 12 December, 6.30pm (doors open 5.45pm). No tickets required but this is a very popular service so arrive early to avoid disappointment.
- 03 **The Chorus of English National Opera** presents *Favourite Opera Classics* (sung in English), conducted by Martin Merry. Monday 22 January, 7.30pm. Tickets from £6. All proceeds towards the Renewal Project.



For more information on any of these events or to book tickets please call the box office on 020 7839 8362 or visit our website at [www.smitf.org](http://www.smitf.org).



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT - COUTTS

As Christmas approaches, St Martin's once again becomes a beautifully festive sight for all those who pass through Trafalgar Square. However, for Coutts bank - one of the Campaign's most long-standing supporters - the winter season, and the leafless trees that accompany it, means an extra special view of a project that they have wholeheartedly encouraged since its inception.

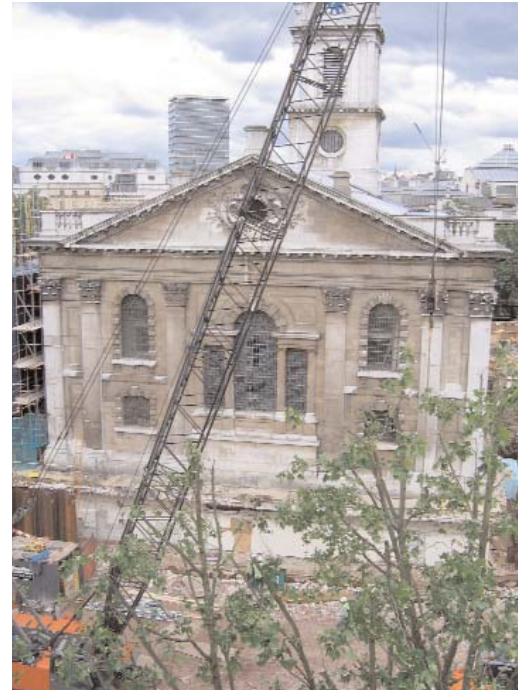
Situated on the Strand, the Coutts building looks over the East end of St Martin's, and possesses one of the best vantage points to oversee the developments unfolding on St Martin's site below. Yet Coutts had been involved in supporting the Renewal of St Martin's far before the physical upheaval of construction was visible from their offices.

Having been St Martin's banker since 1758 - Coutts became one of first major donors to the 'First Steps' fundraising stage of the project back in 2001, when the vision of the new St Martin's was

still in the earliest stages of its conception. Alongside this generous financial support, Coutts has also hosted several campaign events at their premises, offering us the chance to share their inspirational view of the project with other dedicated supporters.

The positive relations fostered between the two organisations have also been enhanced by important contributions by individuals. When he was Chairman, Sir Ewen Fergusson became the very first donor to the campaign and the Coutts current Chairman, The Earl of Home, is one of our Advisors. A key friend and powerful advocate for St Martin's, Lord Home shows that we have come a long way since the 1730's when George Middleton, who ran the bank, was fined £20 for not serving at St Martin's as a churchwarden!

Now approaching a year since construction began, the Renewal of St



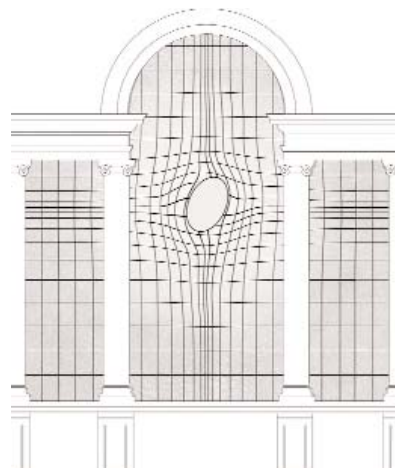
View of the church taken from Coutts earlier this year

Martin's would like to take this opportunity to thank Coutts and Lord Home publicly for providing a fantastic example of the different ways that neighbours can get involved. Having helped to secure the future of St Martin's and the essential services it provides, Coutts will be able to enjoy their fantastic view for many more years to come.

## UPDATE ON THE EAST WINDOW

At the meeting on 23 October, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) voted to accept the modified proposal for the East window by Shirazeh Houshiary and Pip Horne agreed to proceed to the next stage of design. The PCC will now apply to the Diocese of London for a Faculty, which will entail further public consultation.

The process will continue to be steered on behalf of St Martin's by the Arts Advisory Panel, which includes representatives from the PCC.



## CHRISTMAS CARD

St Martin-in-the-Fields Christmas cards are currently available from the Shop in the Crypt priced £1.75.

Please do come and buy some now - all proceeds go to the Renewal Project.

*The message inside reads 'Wishing you peace and joy this Christmas'*





## DID YOU KNOW?

This year's Christmas Appeal will be broadcast on Sunday 3rd and Thursday 7th December (see [www.smitf.org](http://www.smitf.org) for more details). Here are some interesting facts about the Appeal that you might not know...

In the 1920's the vicar of St Martin's, Revd Dick Sheppard, began to use his twice annual broadcasts on the BBC's Home Service to ask for contributions to the work of St Martin's. The generosity of the listeners so overwhelmed expectations that, in 1927, the Director General of the BBC opened up the opportunity to help a different charity each week, keeping St Martin's, as the

instigator of the idea, to be the focus of the Christmas Appeal.

Now a well established feature on BBC Radio 4, the Vicar's Christmas Appeal has continued ever since, thoroughly outliving its fellow radio features! This year is the Christmas Appeal's 80th Anniversary, marking over half a century of supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the country, and helping to change lives nationwide.

For more info about St Martin's, pick up a copy of Malcolm Johnston's book *St-Martin-in-the-Fields* - available from the Shop in the Crypt (£20) - all proceeds go to the Renewal Project.



Hugh Richard Lawrie ('Dick') Sheppard  
by Sir Gerald Kelly, 1932

## A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTORS

It doesn't seem very long ago that I sat at my desk in the campaign office and watched as the first paving stones from the church pathway were lifted, numbered, and sent away for safekeeping; yet it has been nearly a year. So much has happened to the St Martin's site since our official Blessing and Ground-breaking Ceremony in February, it was astonishing to see the progress when I returned from my maternity leave.

After months of dust and noise, one can begin to see the shape of St Martin's future and with each month we are getting closer to securing that future thanks to our many generous donors all over the world. We couldn't be more grateful to everyone who has helped us to achieve nearly £7 million in funds raised this year. Every single gift is making a real difference and the timeliness in which they've been made has meant that we've been able to carry

on, without pausing, through the planned phases of work.

2007 brings more exciting changes - and office moves - for many of us, as restoration work commences on the John Nash building on the north end of the site. Next year will also see The Connection at St Martin's take up short term residence in a purpose built temporary accommodation at the end of St Martin's Lane, and the church's internal and external restoration completed. Many of those we serve will find us in some unusual spots around London next year, as building work decants us from the site.

Fortunately, time flies, and another year will be over before we know it. I'm looking forward to this time next year when the paving stones are re-laid. Won't it be wonderful to walk over them as you make your way to the new entrance pavilion or to a bench in the

new courtyard to enjoy a view of the renewed St Martin's, knowing that you and your gift helped to make it happen?

On behalf of the entire campaign team, best wishes for a joyous Christmas time and thank you for supporting us this year.

The role of Campaign Director is shared by Patricia Castanha and Barbara Davidson. If you wish to contact either of them, please do so via Helen Gearson on 020 7766 1166 or [helen.gearson@smitf.org](mailto:helen.gearson@smitf.org).

**Correction:** In the last issue, Archaeologist Alison Telfer's name was misspelled. Our apologies and thanks for her co-operation.

# the Renewal of St Martin's

## SUPPORTER FORM



**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY MADE YOUR OWN GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE BUILDING PROJECT, WE THANK YOU. PLEASE DO FEEL FREE TO PASS THIS ON AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN YOU.**

**PERSONAL DETAILS:** Title(s) and full Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Data Protection: We will store your details in our database. We will not share your information with other organisations. Occasionally we may contact you with details of the work of St Martin-in-the-Fields. These messages may include requests for donations. We fully understand that you may not be able to respond. If you would prefer not to hear from us in this way, please contact us.

**MAKING A GIFT:** I would like to make a gift of \_\_\_\_\_ to the Renewal of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

Frequency: Once / Monthly / Quarterly / Annually

Payment Type: Cash / Cheque / CAF Vouchers / Banker's Order / Credit Card

*(Please make cheques and CAF vouchers payable to St Martin-in-the-Fields)*

**Credit Card Donations:** (Please sign below)

Card Type: Visa / Mastercard / Maestro (Switch) / Eurocard / Delta / Solo

Issue Number:

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MAESTRO (SWITCH) ONLY: Start Date:   |

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Your Bank's Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Account Number:

Your Sort Code:   |   |

Please debit the above amount from my account starting on:   |   |

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(You may change or cancel this standing order at any time)*

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**Gift Aid Declaration:** I am a UK tax payer and I want St Martin-in-the-Fields to treat all donations I have made for the six years prior to this year (but no earlier than 06/04/2000), and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

*(Please note: your declaration is not valid unless you include your home address and the date)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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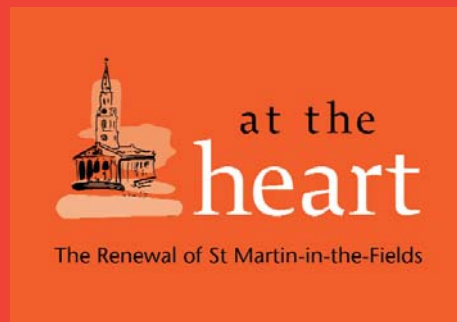
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