





Cover images: The new entrance pavilion (top), stairwell (bottom left) and underground foyer (bottom right)

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES!

As we prepare for the Christmas season, so much has changed - in the wider world - and here at St Martin's. There were times when it seemed the drilling and banging would never end, that peace and quiet would never return to this iconic church. Although the work continues, both in fundraising and on the building site, we end 2008 joyful about the new face of the church and inspired by the public reception to the new spaces at St Martin's. Here is a look at how far St Martin's has come this year with your help...



The exterior stonework of the church has been carefully cleaned and repaired, and a new, wider Church Path features our new glass entrance pavilion and light-well

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(Above:) A contemporary new East Window, designed by Iranian artist, Shirazeh Houshiary and her partner Pip Horne, has been installed



(Below:) The interior of the church has been restored in keeping with James Gibbs' original design with repair to the plaster and paintwork and clear glazing in the windows

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(Below:) A firm of specialist conservation architects was employed to restore the tower and spire

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(Left:) The Café in the Crypt has expanded St Martin's hospitality (Right:) The new light-well brings daylight flooding into the new underground areas, and offers a stunning view of the church from below

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ROOM TO SPARE

Our new spaces are proving very popular with all sorts of business and community groups. There has always been great demand for venue space in central London and now St Martin's is fully equipped to meet this need. Feedback so far is positive, revealing that many particularly like the feeling of escaping from the hustle and bustle of Trafalgar Square to the bright and open space of the crypt level.

St Martin's Hall has already hosted a variety of events including AGMs, wedding receptions and performance workshops, as well as our own education programme and parish

socials. The meeting rooms regularly play host to mediation training, professional development workshops and cultural neighbourhood meetings. There are also a number of orchestras and a dance group that regularly hire the new Sir Neville Marriner Music Rehearsal Room.

For further details on the spaces available for hire, please visit www.smitf.org or ring Julie Emig 020 7766 1115.



St Martin's Hall © Phil Ashley



The meeting rooms inside and outside, The Sir Neville Marriner Music Rehearsal Room and the light-well © Phil Ashley and David Lindsay



EVENTS UPDATE

On Tuesday 14 October, the Lord Mayor of Westminster rushed back from her travels abroad to open St Martin's Church Path to the public.



(Above:) The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Louise Hyams, cuts the ribbon to open Church Path. (Below:) Revd Liz Griffiths leads a prayer blessing the new entrance pavilion. © David Lindsay

The Lord Mayor was enthusiastic about the new public pathway, stating: "I am thrilled that the renovation of St Martin's is now complete and that this beautiful church has been restored to its former glory in its prominent location adjacent to Trafalgar Square. It is also excellent that a delightful open space for all to enjoy has been created next to the church with a magnificent glass entrance lobby that leads down in to the wonderful new facilities underneath."

Revd Liz Griffiths led the group gathered in a prayer and blessed the new pavilion, path and light-well.



Back in February 2006, on the same Church Path, the Bishop of New York and others led a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of the Renewal Project. The day after Church Path was opened by the Lord Mayor in London, the British Consul General in New York, Sir Alan Collins KCVO CMG, and his wife Lady Ann Collins hosted a reception at their home in honour of the Renewal Project.



Sir Alan Collins and his wife Lady Ann Collins

The Bishop of New York and many of our other dedicated US supporters turned out to celebrate the new St Martin's and were delighted to hear of Church Path opening.



(Top:) The Bishop of New York in conversation with Venerable Michael Kendall and Richard Fursland OBE, Chief Executive of British American Business Inc. (Bottom:) Campaign supporters Mr & Mrs William R Miller OBE



(Above:) Campaign team members Sally Hodgkinson and Patricia Castanha with Kazie Harvey, wife of US trustee John Harvey. (Below right:) Nick with an uncanny likeness (Below left:) Nicholas Holtam's wife Helen with the picture's illustrator Nicola Jennings.

Finally, as the campaign team closes down, we said a big 'thank you' to those Advisors and friends who have been exceptionally helpful in supporting our team to raise over 96% of the funds needed to complete the Project. A small reception was held at St Martin's and guests were presented with small tokens of our esteem, including the Vicar's wife who received an original caricature of her husband featured in the Guardian a few weeks ago!



What's On?

December is one of St Martin's most exciting seasons with wonderful services and concerts throughout Advent and Christmas. Here are a few not to be missed:

- 01 Cigarettes and Chocolate by Anthony Minghella - Tuesday 2 December, 8pm**
Advisor to the Renewal Project, Sir David Tang, presents a rare opportunity to see Anthony Minghella's award-winning play, and the music which inspired it, presented in an extraordinary setting with *Steinitz Bach Players* performing movements from the St Matthew Passion. Tickets from £6
- 02 A Garland of Carols with campaign supporter Anthony Bolton - Wednesday 3 December, 7.30pm.** An evening of festive music including works by Bolton, Tavener, Byrd and Britten with the *Oxford Voices*, the *Zephyr Ensemble of London* and soloist Sioned Williams (Harp). Tickets from £10 - all proceeds from the concert will be split between St Martin's Renewal Project and the Royal Marsden Cancer Campaign
- 03 Handel's Messiah - Thursday 18 & Tuesday 23 December, 7.30pm**
Presented by the *English Chamber Choir* with the *Belmont Ensemble of London* and soloists Elizabeth Weisberg (Soprano), Lucie Spickova (Mezzo Soprano), Richard Rowntree (Tenor) and James Lawrence (Bass) conducted by Peter G Dyson. Tickets from £7
- 04 The Complete Brandenburgs at Christmas - Saturday 27 December, 7.30pm**
Join *London Octave* and talented guest soloists on violin, flute, oboe, trumpet, horn, viola and harpsichord for Bach's complete set of concertos. Tickets from £6

For full listings or to book tickets please visit our website at www.smitf.org or call the Box Office on 020 7839 8362 (open Monday to Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm)



THE VICAR IS BACK FROM BEACHY HEAD!

From Friday 24th to Thursday 30th October Revd Nicholas Holtam, Vicar of Martin's, embarked on a courageous 100 mile sponsored walk across the South Downs Way, from Winchester to Beachy Head, in a bid to raise £100,000 to help finish the Renewal Project.

With the walk now completed, and the blisters almost healed (!) we asked Nick - how was it?

"The walk was glorious and the weather much better than might have been expected in late October! The support I received was a great encouragement and kept me from cheating. I am not sure I could have done all 100 miles without it.

I feel quite proud of the walk, as together we have raised over £88,000! Gifts continue to come in daily so I am

optimistic that we will reach £100,000 soon. This is a staggering amount of money and will make a significant difference to our remaining target.

If you have already given, thank you very much for helping the Renewal and for getting me back to Martin's with a spring in my step. It's great to be back!



... and if you haven't yet given, it's not too late!"





LIFE AT ST MARTIN'S

We asked Trustee, Chris Cows, about his experience of serving on the St Martin-in-the-Fields Development Trust...

Having been for many years a volunteer non-Executive Director of the commercial arm of St Martin's, I was delighted to be invited to join the Board of the Development Project. Since then I have learnt a huge amount, not least about the power of effective leadership. The project has required: the initial vision to see what had to be done, the guts to get going, the ability to create a

truly inclusive project and the stamina to see it through to a successful conclusion.

I have many memories from this once in a lifetime project, but there is one in particular that sums up this strength of leadership at St Martin's for me: Our fundraising has often involved us in rubbing shoulders with the 'great and the good'. Several winters ago, on one such occasion at a reception at the House of Lords, Nicholas Holtam gave a rousing speech. The very next morning I popped into St Martin's to warm-up



before a breakfast meeting. In the back of the church I saw Nick - who just a few hours before had been charming their Lordships - now talking quietly to one of London's homeless people. Now that is world class leadership.

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

As the Renewal of St Martin's nears completion, the first thing I want to do in this newsletter is thank everyone who has helped us in the last few years. Fundraising has certainly been a shared effort: Nick Holtam and the campaign team have had assistance from so many. Not only Trustees and Advisors but also architects, project managers, building site managers, neighbours and others have all played key parts in the drive to secure donations. So too have donors themselves, our best ambassadors, who have persuaded others in turn listen to us and to support the project.

Friends in the UK, USA and Hong Kong have been steadfast - every penny and cent has brought us to the present: just over £1 million away from the finishing line. This is a huge and collective achievement. St Martin's thanks you and we hope you are proud of what we have all accomplished.

With the good news, comes the great sadness of saying "farewell" to my close

colleagues of the past 3½ years. Sometimes the challenges have seemed insurmountable but no-one's commitment to the success of the Renewal has wavered - even on the very rare occasions when our sense of humour has been sorely tested (!) - and our office has consistently been a good place to work. Some have already completed their work for the campaign; the rest will do so very shortly. This is the last campaign newsletter.

2009 will bring new endeavours and, in due course, a new fundraising team to help lead the continuing development of St Martin's in the renewed spaces and meet day-to-day obligations.

Meanwhile work continues on in the courtyard beneath the new East Window and architects and builders now have the painstaking job of "snagging", which will continue for several months.

I will also remain until the spring and,

with your help, we will close that final gap!

With very best wishes,

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Please ensure we have your email address! In that way, we can send you our e-Christmas card and, in the New Year, very easily update you with good news and let you know when we break £1 million - and, indeed, when we finish the fundraising campaign!

If we don't have it, or if you are not sure, please send me an email with the subject line 'Keeping in touch' to: patricia.castanha@smitf.org

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