



Bluntisham

**Baptist** 

Church

### March 2021 News



#### **PROJECT NEWS**

Phase One - Pre-start meetings have been held with our contractor and operating arrangements agreed. The very cold weather in February has led to a slight delay to the start date on site, however, preparations are well advanced and the rooms are clear and ready.

**Site access will be restricted.** Access to the churchyard and hall will be restricted to the third gateway to the right of the hall.

Meanwhile the Phase Two work on the main worship area and entrance has been put out to tender. This is the larger of the two phases and will result in the most visible changes to the building. The team is thrilled to have reached this stage of the project and the aim is to undertake this work, starting early summer.

#### **FINANCE**

# Applications have been made to several grant giving bodies.

Now that contracts have been signed for the first phase, applications can be made. We are ever hopeful of receiving funds from these sources.

## A new year – did you have a new fundraising idea?

Lucy Thatcher responded to the call and is running 50k in March, for both the Next Steps project and Brambles Playgroup. Please support her, here is the link-

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lucy-thatcher-50k?utm term=kaZR6aRV8

Meanwhile Betty has now raised in total £900 from painting and selling greetings cards. Amazing.

**PHASE TWO** — as we slowly emerge from the Covid restrictions we face a changed world. Our church buildings will have changed too and in such a positive way. When completed we will benefit from a central entrance foyer within the existing church space, a new single staircase instead of two steep ones and enjoy a minister's office and quiet room. The pews will be removed and underfloor heating installed.