

THE BISHOP'S TRUST FOR ST. THOMAS'S **CHURCH RESTORATION TO A COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Summary of 2004 Fundraising (so far)

As of Nov 23rd 2004 the position is:

Barometer income now stands at £162,400 (Oct 04)

In January we sent a letter to our benefactors explaining that work was about to begin. This was followed by several fundraising events, a bric a brac sale (£920), A history of lingerie evening with naughty but nice cakes (£515), a fancy dress skool daze dance (£950), the annual cricket match and ploughman's lunches at the Wine & Music festival at marquee week (£653), and the church open day, which was intended not as a fundraising event, but as an opportunity for our supporters to view the work so far and to enable people to make suggestions to the Trustees. However, approx. five hundred pounds in donations were received on the day, and in total, donations and gift aids in excess of £2500 were received as a direct result of the open day.

Robin Hughes produced a colourful leaflet "Building a Community Church for Parkgate" (funded by an anonymous donor) which was delivered throughout the neighbourhood by volunteers.

The sale of most of the oak pews (we have kept some) raised £3100.

In Autumn, significant donations have been received through community efforts, notably, the sponsored run in Hyde Park Flora Lite 5Km event in September, where ex-Parkgate resident Emma Gilchrist, who was christened in St. Thomas's, raised £1025, and the Fashion Show at the Grange organised by Irene Gardner and The Parkgate Salon, which raised £1225. The Marsh Cat's sponsored Starter, dedicated to St. Thomas's has raised £38. Sales of our tea towels have continued, with almost all having now been sold..

The charity boxes in shops throughout Parkgate, managed by Yvonne Hampson, have raised approx £400 between May and October. (The April 03 – April 04 year raised over £1000.)

AWARDS

A £100 cheque was received in October by the Trust for winning the **Shell UK and Cheshire Life sponsored Cheshire Community Pride Competition** "Community Based Project Award". The Parkgate Society entered The Bishop's Trust for this award earlier this year.

After two rounds of judging the Bishop's Trust has won the **Cheshire Champion Team Award** in the **Scottish Power sponsored Chester Chronicle newspapers Champions Competition** presented at The Grosvenor Hotel this month.

We have one more event this year, the Christmas Carols Sing along evening at The Ship, Dec. 16th, Thursday 8pm.