

BRIDGELEY COMMUNITY CENTRE
HOME OF NORTHAM CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bridgeley Broadcaster

Demolition Completed & Site works Begin



For a couple of days it looked as though work had stalled at the site of the Northam Church of Christ.

The massive demolition job undertaken by Perth company, Diacon Demolition took a couple of weeks to complete.

A contingent of photographers recorded the demolition project with a comprehensive collection of photos and video footage.

The final collapse happened on May 12th, but then it took some time for the rubble to be cleared.

If you had driven past the site on Tuesday evening, 30th May you would have seen volunteers from the church busily clearing the remaining timber piles, removing the adjoining fences and shifting the shed at the back of

Bridgeley so that the local contractors, Lloyds Earthmoving, could begin the site works the next day.

Since then, work has progressed rapidly with the trees being felled, the ground leveled at the front and a lot of digging done to take out the old dirt and part of the tennis courts.

Many loads of sand have now been deposited to enable the building to be built on one level to match up with car parking at the back of the town hall and to provide a level access with the Lesser Town Hall if, in the future, a side door was provided to link the buildings.

The next stage with the site works will involve building a retaining wall across the 3 blocks and around the sand



pad on which the building will be constructed.

The building will line up with the Lesser Town Hall, and the remaining area at the front will become car parks. Bridgeley will be demolished to make room for car parks later in the development.

We are pleased that local contractors are being used wherever possible in this project. York Concreting are the contractors for supplying and laying the concrete slab and Dempsters Steel will construct the tilt up panels on site and stand them, and will also supply the steel frames .



Message from the Director

by Shirley Smyth

The last month has brought about amazing changes to the face of the Church of Christ in Northam.

For the first time in almost 80 years our building is not visible to the man in the street. I have been amazed by the number of people not associated with the Church who have commented on the demolition. Many are regretful at the loss of an old building, but, on the other hand, when told of the future plans many are excited at the vision for the future.

I know I had a twinge of regret when I saw the old building standing tall and stripped, before demolition, but I was amazed

when I walked home to read these lines.

“Clear lots of ground for your tents.”

Back on the 29th January Pastor Bill gave us a prophesy that started with this sentence. I have Isaiah 54:2-4 printed out and stuck up on the fridge.

I'd read it before and been moved at what God was saying to us, but, here now, God was saying we were to clear lots of ground. He'd given that reassurance before we even started. Wow, my regrets suddenly disappeared. I was able to watch the demolition with

a sense of peace, convinced that God was in it.

We respect and cherish the history and heritage we have, but we look forward now to making a new mark on history.

History makers are on the move—God is doing something new

Healing this land and healing my heart—revival fire begin to start.....

To burn away all of my mess—that I might see your holiness

I was lost but now I'm found—by your presence in this place

Let's be “history makers” in our community.

Shirley

“Live the Dream” night

Keep Saturday 17th June free

- An informal fun night for the family
- Share your dreams for Bridgeley Community Centre
 - Be inspired as we dream together

Starts 5.30 p.m
at the Lesser Town Hall

Big screen Eagles game

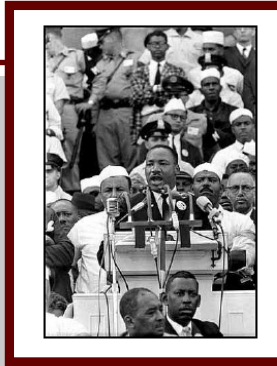
See the first and last quarters

Regular updates

\$5.00 per family

Simple meal provided

ALL ARE INVITED



Isaiah 54:2-4

"Clear lots of ground for your tents!

Make your tents large.
Spread out! Think big!

Use plenty of rope,

drive the tent pegs deep.

You're going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family.

You're going to take over

whole nations;

you're going to resettle abandoned cities.

Don't be afraid—

you're not going to be embarrassed.

Don't hold back—

you're not going to come up short."

A promise given to the Church on Sunday 29th January, 2006



Souvenirs

Have you seen the souvenir tatting bobbins and other mementoes that Shirley Cook has made from some of the timber taken from the old building?

See Shirley for your own souvenir.
Only \$2 each



Photo updates

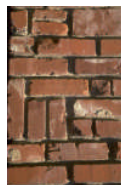
Salary Sacrifice and Giving

Thanks to all who were able to contribute to our Salary Sacrifice offering. The total to the end of May was

\$34,132.70

for which we praise God

Do you know you can direct debit a regular offering? If you need more details see Susan Manning or other members of the Finance Team.



Helpers Needed

there are a lot of bricks from the old building to be cleaned to use in the front wall of the new centre.

See Shirley Smyth or Mal Roediger if you 'd like to volunteer

Coming Up

- *Live your dream night— Saturday, June 17th, 2006 5.30p.m.—9.00 p.m Lesser Town Hall \$5.00 per family*
- *Brick cleaning*
- *The pad is laid*