

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY GIBRALTAR

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ROCK OF AGES CAMPAIGN



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INTRODUCTION

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity is one of the jewels in the crown of Gibraltar's wide and varied heritage. Built between 1825 and 1832, it was consecrated in 1838 by Archdeacon Edward Burrow, and raised to the status of a Cathedral in 1842.

From 1842 until 1980, the Cathedral was the mother church of the Church of England Diocese of Gibraltar, which extended beyond Gibraltar itself to include the Anglican chaplaincies from Portugal to the Caspian Sea. In 1980, the Diocese of Gibraltar was combined with the Jurisdictions of North and Central Europe to form a single Diocese with the title *The Diocese in Europe*, with 3 Cathedrals: Holy Trinity Gibraltar, and two pro-cathedrals in Brussels and Malta. The Diocese in Europe covers the whole of the continent of Europe, with the exception of Cyprus; and in addition includes the Russian Federation, Morocco and Turkey. The Cathedral has just celebrated its 25th Anniversary of being the mother church of the Diocese in Europe, and the Centenary of the appointment of the first Dean.

The Cathedral has always been much more than just a centre of worship for the Church of England in Gibraltar and in Europe. Built under the direction of the Commander Royal Engineers in Gibraltar Colonel Pilkington, it served as the Royal Naval Chapel until 1991, and it therefore has a close historical association with two of the three Services. More than this, it is an important part of the fabric of Gibraltar society. Its architecture differs markedly from the typical Victorian Church of England designs of the 19th Century, and instead combines both Classical and Moorish features which give the building its unique appearance from both the interior and exterior aspects. Dominating Cathedral Square, it offers Gibraltar's many visitors a haven of peace as well as an impressive heritage site.

The Cathedral building has suffered from many hardships in the past. Although surviving the Second World War largely unscathed, it was severely damaged when the ammunition ship RFA *Bedenham* blew up in 1951. Since then, the Cathedral has had to mount fundraising campaigns for repairs on numerous occasions to maintain the interior and exterior, overhaul the organ, improve the acoustics and refurbish the bells and belfry.

Today, there are four principal areas in which the Cathedral is in urgent need of support.

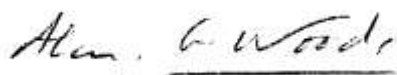
First, the roof of the Cathedral needs replacing. This will be an especially costly operation, as it will involve removing, and disposing of, the asbestos in the existing roof. Linked to this are a raft of minor repairs and repainting needed to both the interior and exterior of the building.

Secondly, the building needs rewiring throughout and the aging sound system requires replacing.

Thirdly, we need to undertake structural improvements to the Cathedral building. This will include creating an enhanced entrance onto the Cathedral Square away from the traffic, together with improved facilities for people with disabilities, to enhance the Cathedral's appeal as a focal point of Gibraltar's heritage. In addition, the Vestry will be improved by lengthening it and adding a new storey.

Finally, we need to build a small fabric fund to ensure that the Cathedral has sufficient funds to maintain the building properly in the future.

All this is estimated to cost some £850,000. Members of the Cathedral congregation and Chaplaincies throughout the Diocese have raised £61,000 towards this so far, but their gifts alone will not allow us to reach our target. Gibraltar has a long and well-deserved reputation for harmonious relations between different faiths and denominations, and the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity has been rightly described as a landmark and focus of life in Gibraltar's community. Now we need help from all our friends in Gibraltar, the United Kingdom and throughout the Diocese in Europe to ensure that our Cathedral remains both a vibrant centre of Anglican worship in Europe and a heritage building to be enjoyed by all faiths and denominations in Gibraltar and beyond.



The Very Rev Alan Woods TD FCCA
Dean of Gibraltar



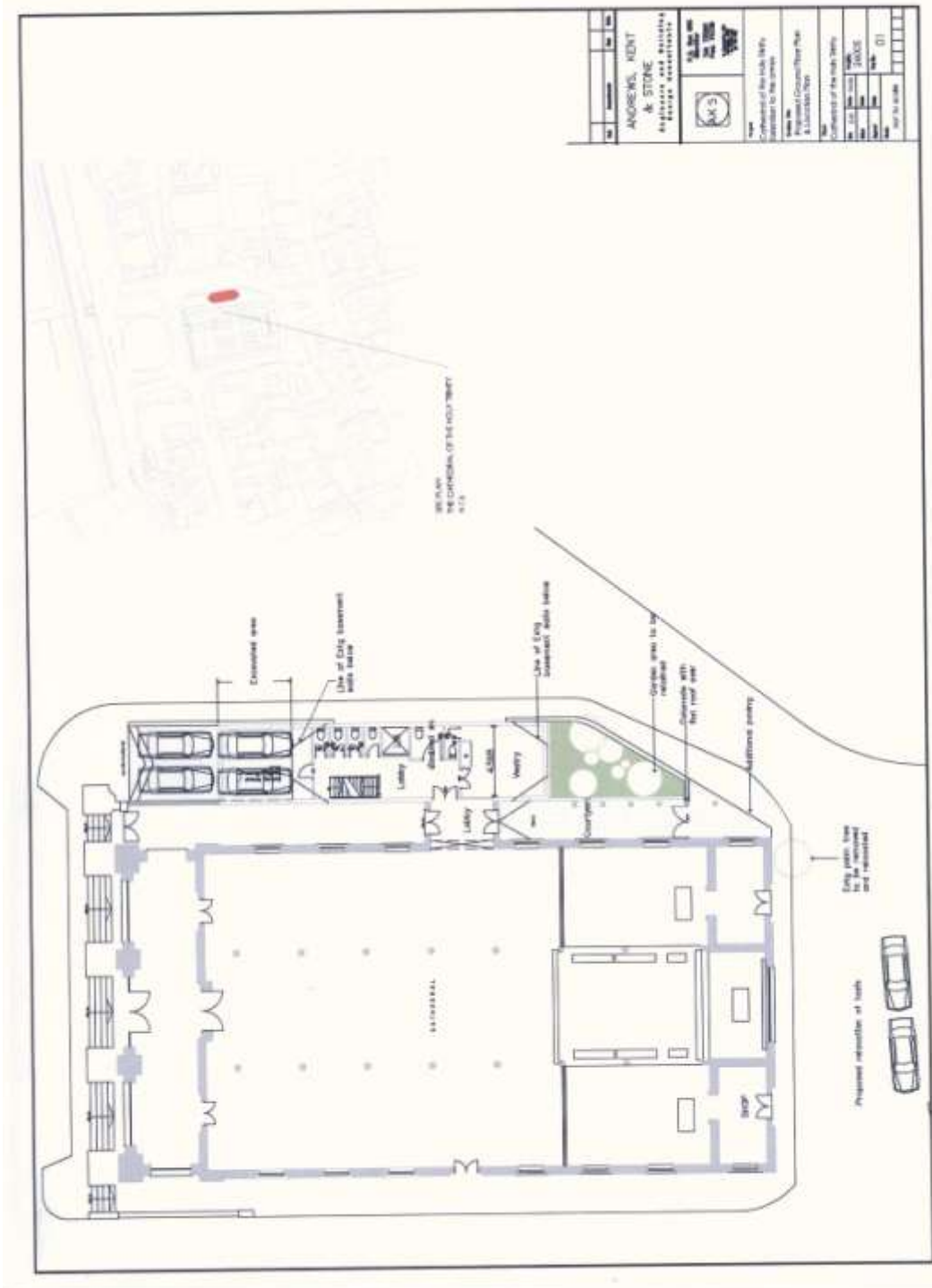
Ian Angus
Chairman, Gibraltar Business Taskforce

PAST DEVELOPMENTS

Since the Second World War, the Cathedral has mounted a number of fundraising campaigns to repair damage caused by war and incidents, as well as to refurbish the wear and tear which the ravages of time inevitably cause to historic buildings. These campaigns have succeeded thanks to a combination of prudent financial management, Government grants and the generosity of generations of churchgoers and other friends who appreciate the importance of the building to Gibraltar's long and distinguished history.

The following list, although not exhaustive, gives some indication of the range of projects which the Cathedral has tackled over the last 50+ years.

<u>Campaign</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Funds raised</u>
Wartime damage	1946-50	
<i>RFA Bedenham</i> damage	1951-52	
Organ, acoustics, bells & belfry	1975	£12,000
Repairs/repainting to Cathedral and Parish Hall	1981	£25,000
Endowment Fund for Dean's stipend	1989	£25,000
Refurbishment of organ; installation of chair organ	1991	£65,000
Repairs, restoration and repainting of interior and exterior	1995	£130,000



CATHEDRAL SITE PLAN

OUR NEED NOW

It is over 170 years since the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity was built and over 50 years since the damage caused by the ammunition ship *RFA Bedenham*. Since then very little modernisation has been undertaken, with the result that the Cathedral remains almost the same as it was 50 years ago.

Since then, however, many changes have taken place in Gibraltar. The border with Spain has re-opened, and two major airlines fly regularly into the airport. The size of the Armed Forces in Gibraltar has been dramatically reduced, with the result that the Cathedral no longer serves as the Royal Naval Chapel. Gibraltar is now a major commercial centre and holiday destination, and the Cathedral itself no longer serves just Gibraltar and its neighbours, but the whole of the Anglican Diocese in Europe as its mother church.

The demands placed upon the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity today are therefore very different from those of yesteryear. Today the Cathedral is not only the centre point of Anglican worship in Europe, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Morocco; but it is also a keystone of Gibraltar's heritage and a major attraction for the many tourists visiting from the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and other countries.

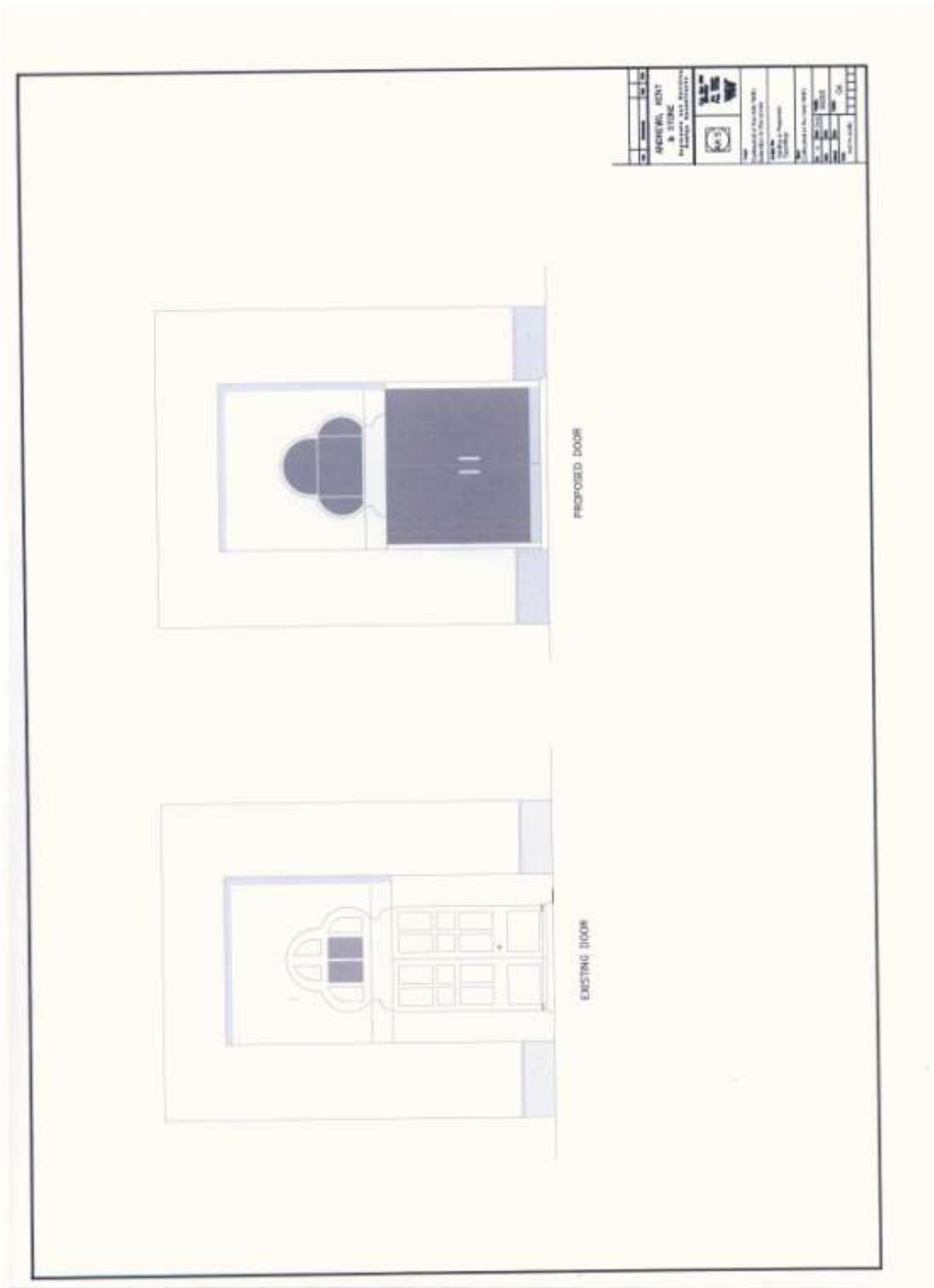
The Cathedral has in many respects failed to keep pace with these changes. The present entrance, ideal in the days of a major Naval presence in Gibraltar, is now both inappropriately sited and awkward for people with disabilities. The building itself, and in particular the roof and the electrical system, is long overdue for refurbishment and modernisation.

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity stands as a proud reminder of Gibraltar's long and distinguished history. But tradition alone is insufficient for the future. We must ensure that the Cathedral remains both a vibrant centre of Anglican worship through the Diocese in Europe, and a cornerstone of Gibraltar's heritage which Gibraltarians and visitors can access easily and enjoy its charm and its history. To achieve this, our congregation has given generously, but we need your help if we are to restore the Cathedral as an historic building and church of which Gibraltar can be justifiably proud.

Estimated total costs: £850,000



**ARTIST'S IMPRESSIONS OF ENHANCED ENTRANCE OFF
CATHEDRAL SQUARE**



ARCHITECTS' DRAWINGS OF IMPROVED ENTRANCE DOOR

HOW YOU CAN HELP – OUR NEED FOR LEADING GIFTS

We are making special approaches to a small number of the Cathedral’s friends in the hope of raising a number of ‘leading gifts’ as scheduled below. These gifts will give the campaign the momentum which is essential if our target is to be reached, and will set a challenging example to all those we shall approach later.

The table below shows the scale of gifts which would put us well within reach of our target and illustrates the significant opportunities available to Gibraltar taxpaying donors because of the Cathedral’s charitable status. Under the charitable giving regime in Gibraltar, the value of a gift made by an individual can be considerably more than its cost to the donor, particularly if it is spread over a number of years to take advantage of the tax relief available in more than one year.

Major Gifts Table

(Based upon current practice of the Commissioner of Income Tax of paying back a flat rate and that the rate for the period after 30 June 2006 will stay the same as it was for the period to 30th June 2006 and the whole of the tax payer’s annual allowance being available to the Campaign in each year)

<u>Gift</u>	<u>Payment over 4 years</u>		<u>Value to Rock of Ages</u>
£	Annually £	Monthly £	£
200,000	50,000	4,167	201,712
100,000	25,000	2,083	101,712
75,000	18,750	1,563	76,712
50,000	12,500	1,042	51,712
30,000	7,500	625	31,712
20,000	5,000	417	21,712
10,000	2,500	208	11,712
5,000	1,250	104	6,712

Benefits for Gibraltar Taxpayers

Under the new Gift Aid charitable giving provisions recently introduced by the Government of Gibraltar, the *Rock of Ages* Campaign can reclaim tax paid on all donations that individual Gibraltar taxpayers make up to £1,000 annually because the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity is a registered Gibraltar charity. This **increases** the value of gift to the *Rock of Ages* Campaign **at no extra cost to you**.

Based upon the current practice of the Commissioner of Income Tax of paying back a fixed percentage of tax regardless of the rate of tax paid by the donor and that the amount repaid after 30 June 2006 will continue to be the same as that paid in the tax year to 30 June 2006, the amount of tax that can be reclaimed by the *Rock of Ages* Campaign on the donation (if it is £1,000 or more) is £428 in a tax year. If your donation is less than £1,000 in a year then the amount of tax that can be reclaimed is proportionally less. However, if your intended donation is greater than £1,000 you could increase its value to the *Rock of Ages* Campaign by spreading it out over more than one year, thus allowing the *Rock of Ages* Campaign to reclaim tax in respect of more than one year.

To enable the *Rock of Ages* Campaign to benefit from this all you need to do is to sign a Gift Aid Declaration in the required form. In the event that during the financial year you make Gift Aid donations to more than one charity, then the Commissioner of Income Tax may apportion the annual £1,000 allowance between the charities you have supported.

Designated or ‘In Memoriam’ Gifts

We should like to mark our appreciation of gifts of £10,000 or over by linking the donor’s name with elements of the Campaign programme. Some examples are listed below. The Dean and the Campaign Director would be very happy to discuss other opportunities with donors but, equally, will respect their wishes for anonymity.

Redecoration of the exterior of the Cathedral	£43,000
Redecoration of the interior of the Cathedral	£57,000
New sound system	£20,000
Re-wiring of the Cathedral	£15,000

ENQUIRIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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Please make cheques payable to: ***Rock of Ages Campaign***

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Campaign Director: Jimmy James, Stanwick, Northamptonshire, UK who has been retained as fundraising consultant to the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity solely on the basis of a fixed fee agreed in advance. No commission is payable and all monies collected will be paid directly to the *Rock of Ages* Campaign. (This statement is made in compliance with the U K Charities Act 1992).

The Campaign programme has been carefully planned to meet the needs of both the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Gibraltar and the Anglican Diocese in Europe. The right to make changes in the light of altered circumstances must, however, be reserved.

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