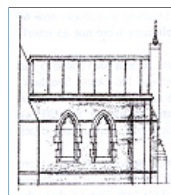


# Festival Weekend & Launch of 'Opening Our Doors' - 2002 July

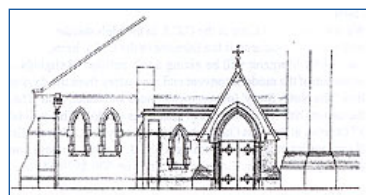


What a fabulous weekend to launch our new Jubilee year project - 'Opening our Doors'. On the 5th, 6th and 7th July we have organized a Festival weekend to not only celebrate our Saint's day, but also to launch officially our project to develop the West Porch.

The outline drawings are shown in detail, however in brief, the plans will involve the redevelopment of the west porch to create a wonderful new space within which will be an office for the church and community use and a quiet room for private discussion and counselling. Even more exciting is the design of the new porch. The roof will be glazed, as will the doors, and this will let much needed light resonate into the church, as well as allowing a direct view from St James's Road, down the length of the church.



North Elevation



West Elevation

We will be launching the project at our Grand Family BBQ on 7th July 2002, and there we will announce our plans of how we aim to raise enough support, sponsorship and external funding over the next six months to allow us to begin building work early in 2003. Our aim is then to 'OPEN OUR NEW DOORS' on St James's Day 2003 - What a challenge!

## Friday 5th July **ORGAN RECITAL by Christopher Cromar**

Celebrating the centenary of composer Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)  
Plus Bach and Mozart  
With *Christopher Hodges* singing baritone



Christopher Cromar



After the Recital



Christopher Hodges

## Saturday 6th July **CONCERT by The Apocalypse Singers** Brahms and Elgar - Part songs, music for clarinet, violin, harp, horns *Christopher Hodges* (Conductor) *Christopher Cromar* (Organ)



The Apocalypse Singers



Martin Hinckley



Fiona Hodges



Andrea Rowett



"Our Patronal Festival this year marked the official launch of our fund-raising campaign for 'Opening Our Doors'. The idea was introduced at the Spire Open Day in June, and then a Festival Weekend was organised in July, not only to celebrate our Saint's day, but also to launch officially the project. The weekend was a splendid occasion, with something for everyone. Our organist, Christopher Cromar, started the weekend with a marvellous organ recital on the Friday evening. A member of the audience complimented Christopher with the words "*that was absolutely stunning*", and indeed it was. On Saturday evening the Apocalypse Singers provided a



feast of music and song, as did the church choir and The Travellers Band at Family Communion on Sunday morning.

The culmination of the weekend was a Grand Family Barbecue on Sunday evening. About 130 people, across all ages from as young as 4 months, enjoyed fine food and drink, jazz music and fun activities that included a golf putting teaser and a bouncy castle. The youngsters especially enjoyed the chance to throw wet sponges at the unfortunate person in the stocks, including Brian as the first victim! After his drenching, Brian launched the 'Opening Our Doors' Appeal. The first donation to be received was from the Brownies (thank you ladies!), and within a few days we had received donations and promises worth well over £6000. A great start!"

