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“We are delighted to be entrusted with the future work at Knock Presbyterian and look forward to both getting to know many of you, and working with you to provide an environment that will serve the congregation well into the future.”

Stephen Douglas and David Black,  
Hall Black Douglas

From left to right: St Elizabeth's Church / Dunmurry Presbyterian Church / Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church / EastSide Visitor Centre.

### Hebrews 3 v 4

For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.



#### As you will have read in the last edition

of KnockLife, following a tendering process the Property Development Group has appointed the architects Hall Black Douglas to work with us over the next 3-5 years to successfully deliver our building project aptly named 'On the King's Road'.

Hall Black Douglas is an architectural studio based on the Albertbridge Road. Set up by Rodney Hall, Mervyn Black and Stephen Douglas in 1986 following their time studying at Queen's, the practice has grown a reputation for thoughtful design and high standards and now has four directors. Two of them, Stephen Douglas and David Black, will be directly involved in our project at Knock. Here's what the company tell us about itself:

Hall Black Douglas is involved in a wide variety of sectors including healthcare, social housing and one-off houses, leisure, conservation and community-led schemes. Stephen heads up the conservation work of the practice and has RIBA accreditation as a Specialist Conservation Architect. Working throughout Ireland and abroad in India, the practice is best known locally for its many GP surgeries throughout east Belfast, the extension to the Marie Curie Hospice, and the East Side Visitor Centre and cafe 'Jack' at the Arches amongst others. The firm is currently working on projects as diverse as the restoration of the Tropical Ravine in Botanic Gardens, the new wards and entrance block at

Altnagelvin Hospital, a major community hub with a library and museum in Monaghan and a number of foyer upgrades in Movie House Cinemas. All of the directors are involved in local church projects including:

- the Welcome Centre at Hamilton Road Presbyterian, Bangor;
- the new halls at Newtownbreda Presbyterian, and St Elizabeth's Church of Ireland, Dundonald;
- the Iron Hall, Templemore Avenue; and
- the new church at Dunmurry Presbyterian.

Over the next few months Stephen and David will be working with the

Property Development Group to gain an understanding of our current issues and needs, before developing options on how they can support us in delivering our vision to 'create an inviting space, welcoming to all, where God's love is shared.'

### ON THE KING'S ROAD



Personal donations to the Building Fund will form a substantial proportion of our overall funding for our building project. Later in the year when we have detailed proposals to present to the congregation, we will share detailed funding proposals. However, if you wish to make an early start to funding the project you can do so by setting up a monthly standing order to the fund (please contact Stephen Curragh or Jonny McClelland) or by making a donation by way of the striped envelopes and mark the envelope 'Building Fund'.



The Property Development Group would like to thank everyone who has fed into the project to date, particularly those who participated in the recent church user engagement forums and completed the surveys. We are keen to ensure everyone has an opportunity for input and to hear from as many users as possible. Therefore if you have any comments please email them to [onthekingsroad@knockpresbyterian.co.uk](mailto:onthekingsroad@knockpresbyterian.co.uk)