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 **St PAUL'S**  
CATHEDRAL



# Ramp and Accessibility Appeal

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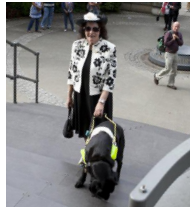
# Making St Paul's accessible for the new millennium

St Paul's Cathedral welcomes hundreds of thousands of worshippers, pilgrims and visitors each year to experience the beauty and serenity of this unique, iconic building. They want to ensure that everyone can enter with dignity and experience St Paul's in all its spiritual glory.

In order to achieve this they are undertaking a wide ranging programme to update their signage, provide enhanced training for their guides, and improve accessibility for everyone, whatever their access needs.

At the heart of this programme will be the creation of a permanent access ramp in the North Transept. At the moment there is a temporary ramp, which was created in 2010 and designed to last 6 months; so it is now well past its due date for replacement!

The new ramp will enable wounded veterans, parents with pushchairs, wheelchair users and anyone with mobility



problems to enter the Cathedral alongside everyone else. It is intended that this will be the main entrance to the Cathedral, so that everyone enters with dignity, thus removing the need for special arrangements to be made for disabled visitors.



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## Updating an iconic building

As I am sure you can imagine, changing a building of the unique and iconic nature of St Paul's is no mean undertaking. The new ramp will be a beautiful and sympathetic addition to the exterior of St Paul's, and will be the most significant development since the Victorians decorated the interior.

The designs are currently under development, but the ramp will be built of stone and designed to blend into the current steps. This will create a natural flow up to the North Transept doors. This will benefit not just the public, but Members of the Order, many of whom are older, and will enable better access to the OBE Chapel for those in wheelchairs and with mobility problems generally.

## The OBE Centenary Appeal

Since its foundation in 1917, the Order of the British Empire has had a close association with St Paul's. In the 1960s we assisted them with the costs of creating the OBE Chapel, in the early 1970s with the costs of the chairs in the Nave, and we continue to support them with the costs of the stained glass in the Chapel.

Now, in the run up to our centenary we are proud to be working with them to meet the very substantial costs of this vital project. We have already made a donation from our Charitable Fund, but we would now like to ask you to support us further, so that St Paul's can complete this project before our centenary in 1917.

We know that many of you already donate to the Chapel Fund, for which we are extremely grateful, but we hope that you will feel able to support us a little more. Please send any donations, using the tear off forms, to us at the address given on this leaflet.

Thank you for your steadfast support; both the Order and St Paul's are very grateful to you.



# Gift Aid Declaration giftaid it

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