

To all,

Very late I know, sorry, but here are my main thoughts. Excuse any management lingo / jargon.

As has been stated I too am very grateful to Jeff for his reccy 'up north'. It has certainly informed our thinking. Also thanks to the other members of the team for embarking on this quest.

My big takeaway from Jeff's presentation was a quote from one of the Keswick team (I think). "Don't give people options, ask them what they want."

From my time as a Systems Analyst I am all too conscious that people are keen to get into solutions mode and start designing and planning too soon. Time spent gathering and challenging requirements / wants / needs etc is time well spent. That said I don't think we need two years as we have already done a lot of good work. But asking people what they actually want from their church would be a great thing to do. Where would you like to see the church in 5 / 10 years, what would it look and feel like. That sort of thing.

Also engaging similarly with the local community to establish the needs there (as I believe we are already planning to do) would also be worthwhile.

The suggestion of a SWOT analysis is another great idea for me.

Don't get me wrong, i would hate to throw out the baby with the bathwater (sorry) and the work done to date on costing and evaluating internal fabric and secondary double glazing should be kept on file pending our completion of the requirements gathering and SWOT analysis.

Personally (to answer my own questions) I would like to see a busy church filled with a congregation worshipping God in a warm and comfortable environment. In a building that could be used by the community when not needed for worship, weddings etc.

Thanks

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