

Works for Church Project

The following list is also probably in priority order.

New Heating System

This is a priority as the old boiler is not energy efficient and is not particularly reliable. Its location is unsatisfactory due to being below ground level needing a water pump to keep boiler house dry.

In line with the Diocesan and our aim to be eco-friendly and cutting carbon emissions we should explore alternative heating systems. The DCA heating advisor should be able to help us. Some recommended schemes may not be suitable for a church like ours such as air source which require well insulated buildings to be efficient. Ground source heating would be ideal but is likely to be very expensive. We could explore if it could be done as a joint project with the Parish Council in relation to the Community Centre. Other ideas may include solar panels or direct electricity heaters.

Windows

Quinquennial reports have identified that our windows are buckling due to the support rods deteriorating in the wall. This is a specialist job which will be expensive. We will ask DCA help to find suitable firms to quote.

Repairs to wall and redecoration

A large job but relatively straightforward- local commercial decorators should be able to quote.

Flooring

If as planned to achieve a multi-use building the existing pews will need to be removed. In an ideal situation you would look to have new flooring such as in the community centre which is easy to maintain and very hardwearing. Some carpet areas may provide focus up the Nave as at present and designated informal areas such as for children to play.

Seating

We already have 50 removable chairs which are used for big services and events. The type of chairs appear fine but to comply with fire regulations new seats may need to be linked together.

Lighting.

The current system is not too old but may not be energy efficient- it would be advisable to have a electrical survey with recommendations.

Temporary Stage and new Sound systems

These would be a great asset if we are to encourage school and community use of the building such as concerts and shows.

Kitchen and Toilets

In an ideal world we would have our own kitchen and toilet facilities but that adds considerably to the potential cost of the project. The arrangement of using the Community facilities appears to work well even for big events.

However, for car parking and toilet provision reasons careful liaison would be needed with the Parish Council to avoid several large events occurring at the same time. We should also consider a contribution to the upkeep of the facilities in the Community Centre if our Church has more and bigger events.