

Notes for PCC Meeting, 8th September 2025

We are pleased to confirm that we are now in a position to begin our journey toward installing a carbon-neutral electric heating system, while also addressing as many of the priority items identified in the latest quinquennial inspection as possible. This marks a significant step forward in our commitment to sustainability, stewardship, and long-term care of the building.

To move forward, we are requesting the release of funding to cover the provision of basic preparatory details, which are essential prior to submitting our application for the necessary Faculties. These details will support planning, compliance, and coordination across all stakeholders.

In line with the Projects Team's Cost Contingency Plan, we have approached a minimum of three companies for each element of the proposed works. We are now recommending the provider that offers the most balanced solution in terms of quality, value, and long-term benefit. This approach ensures transparency, competitiveness, and confidence in our next steps.

We look forward to the PCC's support as we begin this important phase of work.

Updated Asbestos Survey

Before installing curtain tracks on the church ceiling, crack stitching the ceiling, removal of the storage heaters at the back of church, and decorating the back wall above the balcony, an asbestos survey update is essential to ensure safety to assess these areas. Disturbing materials without proper assessment could release hazardous fibres. The survey protects contractors, volunteers, congregation, and compliance with regulations—making sure the installation proceeds responsibly and without health risks. Safety must come first.

Company: Asbestos Inspection Services, Kimstead Kettlebrook Rd, Tamworth, B77 1AA

Cost: £350 plus VAT

Structural Engineer

As highlighted in the latest quinquennial inspection, a structural engineer is required to assess the building's current condition. Their evaluation will inform a formal report and outline any necessary remedial actions to ensure the safety, integrity, and long-term preservation of the structure.

Company: JMS Engineers Ltd, Victoria Court, 25 Tennant Street, Nuneaton

Cost: £1,200 plus VAT

PASMA Towers for Managers Training Course

Hiring internal tower scaffolding for the duration of the project required is proving costly and unsustainable. It makes far more financial and practical sense to invest in our own mobile access tower. By training two individuals through the PASMA Towers for Managers course, we'll ensure competent sign-off each time the tower is used. This not only improves safety and compliance but also gives us flexibility to use the tower both internally and externally across the site - reducing the need for scaffolding. Long-term, this approach reduces hire costs, increases efficiency, and empowers our team to manage work at height responsibly and independently. Training can be undertaken in Birmingham.

Company: There are a number of companies able to undertake the training, it will be the dates and availability that will decide.

Cost: ~£150 per person plus VAT

Church Drawings

To support the architect, DAC, North Warwickshire Building Council applications, and potential funders, we'll need a company that can produce accurate digital drawings of both the building and grounds. These should ideally be in CAD or similar formats to ensure compatibility across planning, design, and compliance processes.

Company: Lucion Survey Ltd, Suite 20, The Hall, Priory Hill, Rugby Rd, Wolston

Cost £3,150 plus VAT

Men's Shed

We would like to provide the Men's Shed organisation with a dedicated base in our church grounds. Men's Sheds are community spaces where men can come together to connect, converse, and create—offering vital support for wellbeing, skill-sharing, and social inclusion. By establishing a local Shed, we hope to attract individuals with practical skills in carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and general maintenance. Their involvement could significantly contribute to the completion of tasks identified in our latest quinquennial inspection, as well as assist with works planned in our heating project.

To make this possible, we propose installing a purpose-built shed on the grounds. This will require planning permission, and the funding requested at this stage is solely to cover that initial cost. Once approved, we aim to integrate the Men's Shed into our wider project as soon as practicable, enabling them to begin work and establish their presence. This initiative not only supports a valuable community organisation but also offers a sustainable, cost-effective way to maintain and improve our facilities with local expertise and shared purpose.

Company: North Warwickshire Borough Council

Cost: £1,000