

## St Marks Church & Community Centre Refurbishment

### Our Vision

To provide a church and community centre that will serve the local area for the next 30 years. It aims to be a hub for worship, social provision and well-being by providing good quality facilities and flexible functionality for all.

### What would we like to do?

Aim	How
1. To create a larger hall & a second room	a) By extending out the back by 4 m (12ft) and moving the sanctuary area backwards. The sanctuary would have storage and a small vestry off it b) The original sanctuary floor can then be lowered to create a hall 60% larger c) By adding in sound proof concertina doors the new larger hall can be split into two to create one larger and one medium size room d) Placing the projector screen above the new sanctuary entrance e) The gap in the partition would be made big enough for viewing the screen from the far end of the hall f) Each room would have outdoor access on the north side
2. To increase toilet facilities & storage at the east end	Off the new medium size room (& accessible from it) there would be a new toilet and a new storage room
3. To improve side access	By re-instating the gravel path down the north side (which currently has a thin layer of earth & grass over it)
4. To improve the kitchen	By completely re-fitting the kitchen and using the whole room for it. <u>Outstanding question:</u> should it be to <u>professional catering standards</u> (ie: steel work surfaces, open cupboards, double width range cooker?) or should it be to <u>heavy duty domestic standard</u> (more normal work surfaces, closed cupboards, single width cooker?) Should there also be a hatch from the kitchen opening onto the Battery?
5. To improve the front toilets & storage	a) Reposition toilets to allow for more storage (see plans - red walls are new walls) b) Place cupboard off main hall to store 75 chairs on three trolleys (see new chairs and trolley at St Marks to see how that would work)
6. To improve the heating & electrics	By replacing them both entirely!
7. Improve the front access and stop the wind blowing in	By adding a porch on the front facing north
8. Improve windows & doors	All windows would be double glazed and all doors replaced. Side doors to the Battery would have windows in to improve the view.
9. Improve access outside	By creating 3 parking spaces and turning space at the front (how many of the three should be disabled?)

> How much will it cost? **£280,000** ... £100,000 is already committed by the Church and we will be asking seeking grants for £90,000 and asking church members & the community to give £90,000.

> What happens now? Please complete the online 'survey monkey' from the website. The feedback will be used to adapt & refine our plans according to the needs that are coming through.

On **29<sup>th</sup> March** there will be an information and gift day for those who would like to support us through giving. However, we may do a news update in between if possible, so keep your eyes peeled!

> Date: We would like to start building in September, but that is depending on response so it may well be January 2021.