

Building Development Update

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In this last month you will hopefully have seen some changes happen. We finally received the faculty from the Diocese for the installation of the new screen and also for the removal of some pews. This has taken a bit longer than we all anticipated but at least we will know for the next one to allow more time.

The first change is the move of the sound desk and PC to the south aisle in order to improve the view as people come into church and to allow the welcomers to move closer to the door. Thanks to all those who came along and helped with this move - your assistance was invaluable. This move has also allowed us to tidy up notice boards and consolidate three different boards down to one.

The second change is the installation of the new screen, projector and camera system - this hopefully will be done as it was scheduled for the 27th which is after I wrote this article. The new screen will make it easier for people to read the words and hymns and for us to use this facility more during the services.

As the faculty has been granted for the removal of some pews the PCC is offering these for sale at £50 each. The money raised will be re-invested in the development project to support further work. If you would like to purchase a pew please contact Andy as soon as possible - we already have reservations on 15 of the 22 we are removing.

Once we have removed sufficient pews the next task will be to create the prayer ministry area which will provide a space where small groups can pray together.

We have received some proposals and estimates from a firm of carpenters who we asked to look at the tea and coffee preparation area, storage solutions, porch furniture and the chancel. This will help

the team to come up with the detailed proposals which we will submit to the PCC.

As you will recall we have a number of smaller projects going on as well as the main activity of building the toilets. In preparation for the toilets and tea/coffee/flower preparation areas we need to install drainage. This is now the "lynch pin" for many of the other projects as we need to get a fixed cost for this work so that we know how much funding is available for the other smaller projects. We are making good progress on this work and have a meeting shortly with our current architect to understand his proposals.

The team continues to meet twice a month to work on this and we are grateful for everyone's support and encouragement. If you have any comments please do talk to one of the team or add your comments to the book at the back of church.

Nigel Wheatley on behalf of the BDG