

BUILDING FOR COMMUNITY



Join us in making your village church a better place for the whole community! Help us to redevelop the kitchen and toilets for the future.

All Saints is the main parish church of the Parish of Marcham with Garford. There has been a church in Marcham since at least the 13th Century. The Patron of the parish is Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.



All Saints is a Grade 2* listed building. It was largely rebuilt in the 1830s in the Perpendicular Gothic Style. The 13th Century tower, some stone flooring, windows, an early English arch and the south porch remain of the previous building. The nave can seat 100-150 and is a versatile space, with a mixture of moveable pews and loose chairs which allow for different activities. There are four small rooms (the tower room, the prayer room, the vestry and the office) in the church building that are used for children's groups on Sunday mornings and other meetings.

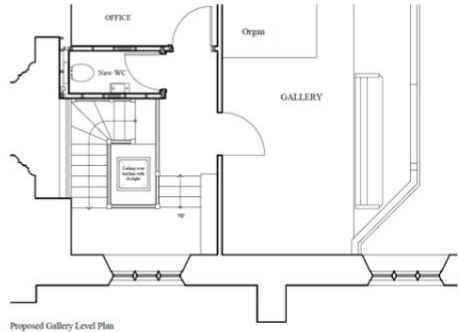
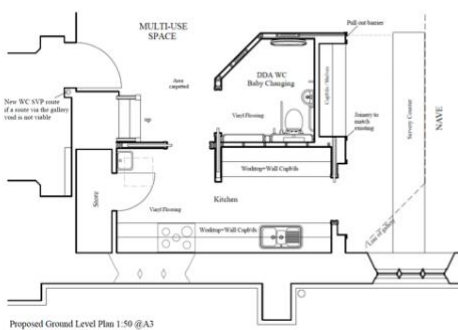
In the 1980s, the west end of the church was refurbished to provide a kitchenette and two toilets which are in need of upgrading and modernising.

Our vision

We would like to create a welcoming and flexible meeting place for worship and community activities that will serve our present and future parish. The church remains the largest public meeting space in the village, and the only one with any historical features. The church is in regular use by both church and community throughout the week, and we have a vision for a building where the facilities are of a standard that enriches the experience of worship and hospitality for all those that come.

Our Plans

Our plans involve reconfiguring the current west end to enlarge the kitchen and create a servery, provide a new disabled toilet downstairs and a standard toilet upstairs.



The benefits

New facilities would benefit the whole community as the church is regularly used for activities and events that involve lots of different people; Tiddlypeeps for carers and little ones, men and women's events, barn dances, dinners, holiday club, craft mornings, school services, concerts and the usual baptisms, weddings and funerals are just some of the ways the building is used by everyone in the village.

A new kitchen and toilets would improve the experience of all these groups and keep the building usable for years to come whilst maintaining the historic features the building.

The costs and funding

Project element	Cost
Building works	£55,000
Joinery, fixtures and fittings	£65,000
Professional fees	£20,000
Contingency	£10,000
Total cost	£150,000
Funding source	Amount
Pledged by external funders <i>so far</i>	-£55000
Pledged from church funds	-£50000
Local fundraising and further grants	£45000 needed

How can I help?

If you felt able to contribute even a small amount to this refurbishment project we would be very grateful. Perhaps you have already used the church building and understand how much new toilets and a new kitchen would help – if not, then we'd love to welcome you and show you around. More information on the project (including plans and a fly-through) and how to give can be found by scanning the QR code below.



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