

Changes and Benefits

Church Building- Ground Floor	
Changes	Benefits
Glazed extensions to West side	- Provides an additional entrance from Church Green with direct access line from town centre and increased visibility. - Provides space for the new feature staircase and a welcome lobby.
Welcome lobby	Provides an information point for church and community events and a clear area for event ticket checks
Opened narthex	Offers a larger, lighter and more welcoming experience with an improved view of west tower stained-glass window.
Feature staircase to gallery	Facilitates an obvious route to the gallery.
Lift to gallery	Enables access to the gallery for all.
Sensory/quiet/prayer room	Offers a dedicated area for those sensitive to sensory stimuli to retreat and can also be used as a prayer or small meeting room.
Relocation of organ to original place and removal of choir stalls	Enables more seats to be placed in the nave, up to 290, to cater for large services and events.
Relocated vestry	Provides a quiet, dedicated space for clergy and service leaders to prepare
Music store	Reduces the risk of accidental damage to instruments and microphones and makes it easier to host events that require a clear chancel.
Raised chancel floor	Offers better visibility for services and concerts and an improved line of sight for AV desk staff.
New toilet facilities Changes Places toilet Shower	- Serves church, link and hall and reduces the likelihood of queues at big events. - Enhances accessibility and makes the premises more appealing to disabled groups. - Offers dignity to the homeless community and serves staff commuting via bike or foot.
Laundry	Offers dignity to homeless community and enables church to do its own laundry
Relocation of baptism font and cover	Provides an improved sight-line for baptisms and enables smooth movement to and from the Link building.
Relocation of WW1 memorial screen	Makes this important heritage piece more visible
Additional toilets at rear of church (3)	Provides easy access for those seated towards the back of church

Reliable, flexible, energy efficient heating using solar panels and renewables where possible	Facilitates more precise control of heating in different areas offering a warmer environment, reduced energy use and thus supporting the net-zero carbon aim.
New lighting	- Provides zone specific lighting that is easier to control and enables the use of a variety of lighting effects for different events. - Supports the net-zero carbon aim
Electric window blinds	- Enables the creation of blackout conditions for events and improve the impact of projection effects and screens. - Ensures the stained-glass windows are not permanently obscured.
Ramped access internally and externally	Ensures all areas are accessible
Increased storage throughout	Keeps building tidy, more visually appealing and free from hazards
Redecoration throughout	Provides a bright, fresh and welcoming environment.
Church Building- First Floor	
Change	Benefit
Larger, re ordered gallery	- Increases the number of seats to 119 upstairs, offers flexible seating options and provides more space to move around on a level floor. - Provides an additional meeting room
Upstairs toilet	Removes the need to change floors to access WC.
Heritage display	Provides an opportunity to display and explain the church's heritage assets.
Link Building	
Change	Benefit
Roofed link building with large glazed roof windows	- Improves the safety of children moving from church to groups. - Provides a flexible space with lots of natural light which can enlarge the hall area if sliding doors are open or offer a separate space if closed. The link space could be used as a break out / bar area for concerts and events, a PAYF café linked to the servery and commercial kitchen, the Good Food Shop and community Christmas dinners, Harvest meals and other social events.

Community Hall	
Change	Benefit
Larger hall with flexible meeting spaces	- Ensures several groups can use the facilities at once and provides different spaces for different age groups. - Permits both large conference events and small gatherings.
Catering kitchen with servery	- Facilitates improved catering for the current Welcome Café and Grub's Up group as well as an opportunity to cater for wedding and baptism parties funeral wakes and social gatherings. - Provides an opportunity to offer cooking skills development and hospitality training.
Ramps into hall and from hall to link and church	Enables accessibility.
Office space	Eliminates need for North Street building.
Church Grounds	
Change	Benefit
14-space car park	Offers improved parking for staff and disabled guests, potentially with the option of electric charging points.
Rerouted public path	Maintains the route from Morrisons and the market to Church Green while limiting access to the church yard and reducing the potential for antisocial behaviour.
Increased lighting	Improves the safety of pedestrians and enhances the view of church architecture.
Wildflower planting	Improves the appearance of the site, benefits nature and helps to meet the net-zero carbon target.
External paved area	Provides space for outdoor seating and events.