

Re-ordering Team report

We started the process of re-ordering 2 years ago. I must thank Jennie Dott for all of her hard work preparing the documents we needed to start the 'Faculty Application Process', and of course the team of volunteers who are overseeing the process on behalf of the Congregation.

Before any re-ordering takes place the Church must have permission to alter the structure/fittings/etc. The Faculty Application is then discussed by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. When they have finished their deliberations, we are given permission to go ahead with preparing detailed plans, costings, and Schedule of Works. This is the position we are in now, so the Re-ordering Team can also now start planning for the future

The plan

- To move the Organ back into the Chancel area where it was originally.
- To raise the level of the aisles to give a large flat trip hazard- free surface, to allow us to have flexibility in the way we set up our worship. This will enable us to have an area where other social functions can take place.
- To remove pews and replace them with modern 'stackable' upholstered chairs.
- To replace the carpets in the main area of the Church and Chancel.
- To move the AV desk further back and into the corner of the South Aisle. The banners will need to be stored in the cloisters.
- Set up a more permanent hospitality serving/preparing area at the East end of the Church.

At the start of the process, we installed our new soft play area for under 5's so families were no longer excluded from the Service in the Creche Room. The old storage area taken down to make room for this. We also painted the wall of the North Aisle to improve the look of that area of the Church.

We started the process of choosing carpet and soft furnishing for the congregation and are also inviting tradesmen in to give us quotes for the work that is needed.

We are also hoping to upgrade the AV system by installing a new data network and sound system, and adding floor mounted power sockets.

When all our plans are finalised we will present the details to the Congregation, as I feel sure we will need to ask for their Financial Support to make our plans a reality.

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