

# PROJECT INFORMATION

# St. Martin's

## BUILDING DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## Background

For a long time church goes at St. Martin's, whether regular congregation or visitors, have managed with limited facilities. Lack of toilets and lack of proper disabled access have caused difficulty on many occasions, the failing heating system has caused near-frostbite and the inflexible layout and storage arrangements mean that the building is not used as much as it could be or as tidy as it should be. These problems were recognised as far back as the 1990's; the 'Friends of St. Martin's Eynsford' was formed in response and planning began.

12 years later we have completed some essential stonework repairs and created a much brighter, much more welcoming entrance to the church. We also have a set of plans for the rest of the work as shown in this leaflet and permission in principle from the relevant church authorities. Next we need to raise the money.

## The cost

The project has been estimated to cost £350,000. The 'Friends of St. Martin's Eynsford' have a current balance of £50,000 and St. Martin's PCC has already pledged another £50,000. This leaves us with a total to raise of ...

# £250,000

## Next steps

The project is to be launched to St. Martin's regular church members during September 2011. Learning and praying together we will explore God's mission through the church in Eynsford and consider our giving to support it.

In January 2012 the project will be officially launched to the village community. The work is planned for Autumn 2012.

Please make sure you have these ...



## What can I do?

- ✝ Please **come** to all the 9.30am Sunday services during the project month
- ✝ Please **pray** for the project at every opportunity
- ✝ Please **give** as generously as you are able



### More information

Please don't hesitate to ask. The members of the project team are: Rev Gary Owen (863050), Stephen Allport - Project Co-ordinator (862782), Paul Cooper (867846), Alan Cremer (863732), Norman Hamblyn (861936), Mike Hill (866228) and Ruth Peet (862878).

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# An open door for everyone

Boiler House

Chimney base

“How many times have we wished we could sit facing each other?”



“We need to be able to accommodate large groups of people more comfortably.”



“Wouldn't it be lovely to have more space for people to stay and chat?”



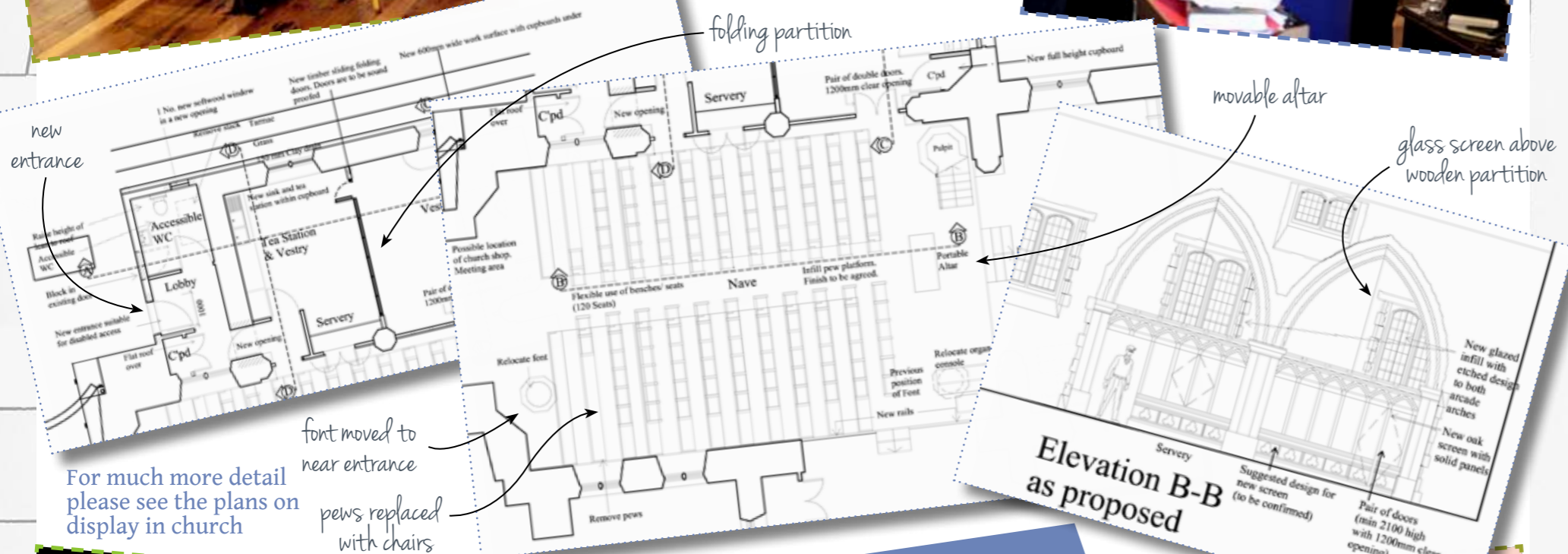
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# The vision

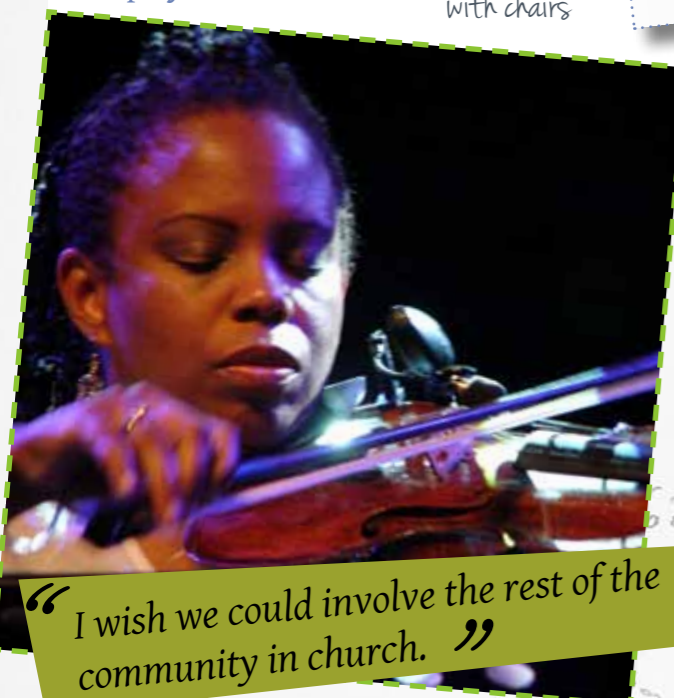
A building alive with activity, available for all members of the community who are frequently in and out for many reasons ... a warm and inviting space for formal services but flexible for more relaxed worship, concerts, meetings and other activities ... easier access for anyone with limited mobility ... social gatherings, whether formal rites like weddings or funerals, or other events such as an evening black-tie function or a daytime fair-trade market, all made much more sociable and comfortable by the availability of refreshment and toilet facilities ... an extra room to allow a crèche facility during church services ... enough storage space for current and future needs ...

These ideas have long been dreamed about at St. Martin's, but hopefully, now can become reality.

Today's villagers are the caretakers of a beautiful building that has stood for 1000 years. We have a responsibility to keep it standing. Preserving the beauty and the character is critical, but alongside that we must encourage full use of the building by appropriate modernisation. The first phase of this work was completed a few years ago when the entrance was transformed; now is the time to complete it.

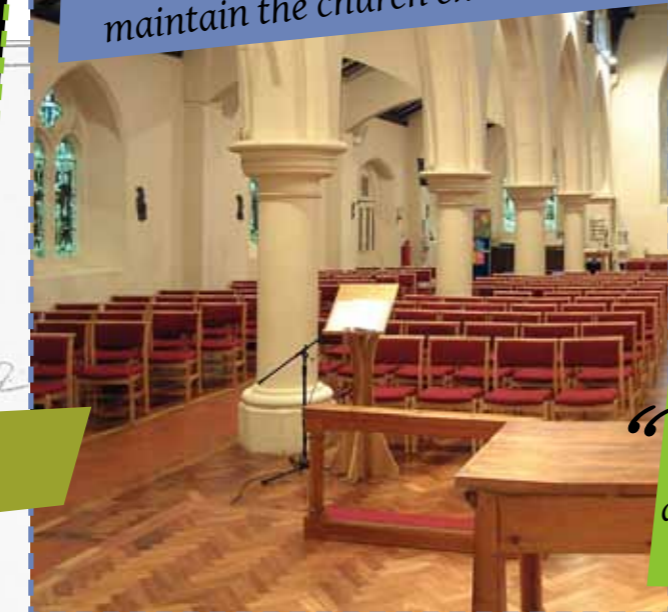


For much more detail please see the plans on display in church



“I wish we could involve the rest of the community in church.”

“Could we have comfortable seats that maintain the church character?”



“What if there was better space for children and young people in church?”



# The plan

The plan is to

- ✦ replace the old heating system in its entirety. This means lifting the pews and the pew platforms
- ✦ replace the pews with comfortable chairs
- ✦ add disabled access by creating a new (additional) entrance through the current boiler room
- ✦ add a cloakroom/toilet by the new entrance
- ✦ add a refreshment station in the current clergy vestry with a serving hatch through to the nave
- ✦ improve the vestry areas to allow multiple uses, by replacing the solid partition with a folding partition and adding storage cupboards
- ✦ include a special new oak and glass screen between the nave and the vestries
- ✦ lay a new floor in the nave and vestries
- ✦ redecorate throughout

Altar