

'Shopping List' for Refurbishment of St.Simon's Church July 2009

1. **Heating System** A new heating system for the nave of the church.
2. **A Prayer Room** easily accessible and visible from the nave, but with its own heating system.
3. **The Nave (main worship area)** cleared of pews so as to provide a space that is flexible, and conducive to intimacy, freedom and a variety of worship styles.
 - During the week this space would be used for a great variety of other activities and might provide a meeting place and concourse area.
 - Provision of suitable stacking chairs instead of pews, renovation of floor, careful thought given to positioning of band, AV desk, projection screen, lighting etc.
 - The present nave, and north and south side aisles are only ever filled twice a year when the schools use the building for carol services. Currently Sunday morning attendance varies from 80 to 150.
4. **Upstairs Hall and Youth Room** Bring in natural light and ventilation.
5. Provision of a **Youth Office** easily accessible from an outside door.
6. Provision of a **Messy Room**, a room in which children's activities, both noisy and messy, can take place, including during Sunday services. It would need a suitable sink and access to toilets. This room could double up as an Activity Room for use by all ages during the week, see 8. below.
7. **Children's Centre** Provision of Large Meeting Room with adequate storage and easy access to **Creche** and **Kitchen** as per specifications of Children's Centre Managers. Plans have already been drawn up for this work. The rooms would be available for other uses when not being used for Children's Centre activities.
8. **Extra Meeting Rooms** Increase the provision of separately heatable and reasonably sound proofed rooms in the building, one of which to be designated as an **Activity Room**.
9. **Toilets** Careful attention should be given to adequate toilet provision.
10. **Store Cupboards** Careful attention should be given to storage facilities for all users.
11. **Screen** Is there some way of retaining moveable screens between Lower Church Centre and Nave while improving sound insulation?
12. **Organ**. There has to be a question over the future of the organ, since refurbishment cost has been estimated at £86,000. The congregation is divided over whether we should try to save this instrument or replace it with something more modest (see Response Analysis), thus releasing the area taken up by the organ for other uses. However, it is not clear that we would be given permission to dispose of the present instrument.
13. **'Green' considerations** We would like to explore any ways of reducing the cost and environmental impact of heating the building.
14. **Entrances**. Look at ways of making the building less forbidding and more welcoming and open from the outside.
15. **West End Windows**. The stonework surrounding the West End windows above the upper hall will need attention.
16. **The High Roof** above the nave will need renovation work done to it in the next few years. Work currently being undertaken on the East end chancel roof should give a good idea of how extensive this work is likely to be.