



All Saints, Lydiard Millicent



Enabling our Building for Mission

- Introduction to the Meeting
- Group (Becky Harris, Jill Winson, Mary Turner, Nicky Iddon, Peter Minett, Tricia Roberts, David Cain)
- We have a vision
 - ✓ Be Family
 - ✓ Make Disciples
 - ✓ Serve Others
- What does living that vision mean?
- What does living that vision require?
 - ✓ Money (but not today)
 - ✓ People
 - ✓ Facilities



Enabling our Building for Mission

- ASLM is in a very strong position to grow God's Kingdom
- Congregation's Strengths
 - ✓ Generous
 - ✓ Welcoming and caring
 - ✓ Tudor, Tricia, Pauline, Julian, Tina
 - ✓ More weddings and baptisms
 - ✓ Children's and Youth Work
 - ✓ Newsletter
 - ✓ Safeguarding
 - ✓ Music
 - ✓ Intercessions, Sound, Projector, Sides People
 - ✓ Cake Break
- We need to have the right facilities to deliver the vision (and we probably do not have them right yet)



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- We want to explore with you over the next few months how our building might be made more suitable for the tasks ahead of us
- We want that exploration to be both prayerful and sensitive
- Do we have any ideas yet?
 - ✓ Yes, but how could we not have some ideas?
 - ✓ No, we have no firm views whatsoever what this might look like
 - ✓ We have no monopoly on good ideas (it is possible that ours will all be poor ideas)
- What we really want (need) is your ideas and opinions



E B M Being Family

- What does being a family mean?
 - ✓ Sharing time together
 - ✓ Meeting together
 - ✓ Eating together
 - ✓ Having conversations
 - ✓ Having fun
 - ✓ Knowing each other better
 - ✓ Helping each other
 - ✓ Praying with and for each other
 - ✓ Having a “home” we want to be in with each other
- We want our family to be bigger and fully inclusive
- What might we need in/from our building to make these things possible, simple and cost effective?



E B M Making Disciples

- What does making disciples mean?
 - ✓ Growing in our own knowledge of God through Bible Study
 - ✓ Growing in spirituality
 - ✓ Running courses for new Christians
 - ✓ Being a place where people of all ages and worship styles can be comfortable and want to be
 - ✓ Engaging with young people and children
 - ✓ Running events (prayer days, special services, school events)
 - ✓ Encouraging baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals
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E B M Serving Others

- What does being a servant to others mean
 - ✓ Inviting people into our “home”; the centre for God in the community
 - ✓ Cake Break, Board Games
 - ✓ Speakers (including well known Christian visiting speakers)
 - ✓ Concerts
 - ✓ Providing services (debt counselling, transport, advice, breaks for carers, drop in)
 - ✓ Preventing loneliness
 - ✓ Social events
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E B M Enablers?

- Flexibility for additional styles of worship
- Ability to prepare and/or serve food
- Improvements in comfort (seating, heating, light)
- Excellent accessibility (inclusivity) for wheelchairs, people with visual impairments, pushchairs, etc
- Less need to use Village hall or School for events
- Ability to hold retreats, quiet days, reflective worship, songs of praise, etc
- Adequate storage
- Music and dance space
- Improved cleaning and maintenance
- What might we do with our building to make these things possible, simple and cost effective?



E B M What might be included?

- If we want to grow in our faith and our outreach there will be some changes, though the scale of change may be small or large
- More and better storage space, cupboards, boxes
- Opened up spaces around the church
- Kitchen and servery facilities
- Much more use of the building
- Display space and equipment
- Improvements in sound and projector facilities
- More comfortable seating/chairs (v plastic ones)



E B M What won't be included?

- Anything that is not of a quality commensurate with this beautiful building
- Anything that prevents this church remaining a place of respectful worship and a house of God
- Anything we have not discussed fully and shared as a congregation
- Removal/ending of current worship styles
- “Tinkering” with small and inconsistent changes
- Changes which are “for the sake of change” and not supported by an evidenced contribution to the delivery of our vision



E B M Next Steps and Timetable

- Most importantly we want to hear from you
 - ✓ Your ideas and comments
 - ✓ Your worries or concerns
 - ✓ Your reaction to our ideas and proposals as they develop
- How do you comment?
 - ✓ We have created an e mail box for you to send in your ideas
 - ✓ There will be a box at the back of the church for you to write down your ideas
 - ✓ You can talk through an idea with me
- We want your initial response by Christmas
- We want your prayers for God's guidance; that we may discern his will for the kingdom in our parish



EBM Next Steps and Timetable

- The EBM group will meet next in November to progress the more formal elements of the process
 - Writing a “Statement of Significance”, which describes the history, environment, location, architecture, importance of the church and the churchyard
 - Writing a “Statement of Need”, which describes the current and future needs of the congregation, our vision and purpose, any proposals we make and the support for the changes
 - Meet with the Diocesan Advisory Committee who will ultimately decide on whether we can proceed (consent for a faculty). This will allow us to get their advice and understand their concerns
- We will then meet again in January to discuss your ideas, concerns and comments



E B M Next Steps and Timetable

- We will begin any necessary consultations with English Heritage, The Victorian Society, the Local Conservation Officer, the County Archaeologist, the Council for the Care of Churches, etc
- We may need to establish the feasibility of any ideas or changes
- At the end of April we will present some proposals and options to the congregation for discussion
- After this will come detailed proposals, architectural drawings (if needed), pictures, designs, grant applications and, of course, a budget
- We would hope to commence work on any changes in 2018



E B M Questions