

SPACE

SPACE is an initiative to bring new life to Suckley church and its scattered rural community by creating a village hub with the facilities expected for both a church and other users, such as the school next door. Rural churches are closing (including 7 in WR6) but by bringing new life into our church we make it more sustainable, which is vital for its future.

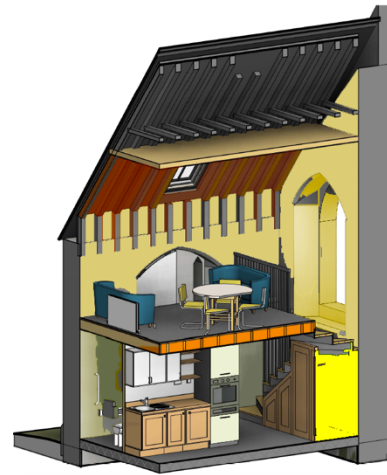
How will this happen?

The North Transept

A universal access toilet with baby change will be provided, also a kitchenette with mobile servery. These new facilities, vitally important for all church life, will be behind a sliding-door oak screen.

A building that is useful and welcoming will create opportunities to bring people together and strengthen the community.

The Ceilidh to celebrate the new floor



Above the kitchen and toilet will be a small room, with a glazed screen in the current arch, offering an area for Sunday school or a small meeting room. The whole building will become a user-friendly resource and offer so much more to community life for the whole village - a community where social isolation is real.



People like Olwyn will benefit

In the Nave

The Nave is now a useful space with a warm attractive oak floor and underfloor heating. Some pews are moveable, others replaced with stacking chairs. The space is equipped for multifunction use; so, the adjacent school uses the area for assemblies and pupil/parent gatherings. Community events such as music, art, concerts, exhibitions, Flicks-in-the-Sticks, lunch clubs, cross generation teas etc will use the space too when the toilet and kitchen are completed. Our 72" smart TV already enables 'Hybrid Zoom' services.



Looking east



DIY refreshments in the south aisle

The Community Room

The arches of the vestry will be glazed to create a new soundproof room with independent universal access. The organ is now better placed in the south aisle. A vestry can also be a useful separate creche or meeting room.



This new large larger space provides a new and important Community Room with independent access. A grant was obtained, and fast internet has been installed, enabling this new room to be used for Citizens Advice liaison - providing help with signing up for Blue Badges, ordering repeat prescriptions, training to get on-line safely, and all other help Citizens Advice offers, such as benefits queries. It is particularly useful that the largest area of Housing is just a short walk away. Families walk past daily going to the school next door, so the church becomes a natural gathering place.

The Tower

An oak screen will separate this area from the Nave. The Victorian tiled floor will be retained. New storage units, hand washing and flower arranging sink will be installed.



The Porch and Paths

Paths to both entrances will be reinstated and well lit. The porch entrance will be sloped to enable easier universal access.

How will we achieve this?

We have now raised nearly £250,000 from grants and individual donations. The project is phased, and work will only start on each phase when funds are available. You can use this QR code to make a donation now – our next goal is the toilet!



Suckley Parish Academy and Community Enterprises

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Easter Bonnet making is useful on a sunny day!

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