

**NEW LAVATORY FACILITIES**

The proposed works comprise of the demolition of the existing single storey extension, narrow lean-to store room, adjacent steps and small concrete margin. The original facilities are to be replaced with a larger building, set between the outer buttresses of the north aisle and tower. The new extension will be constructed of local red rubble stone; retained from the original extension, and matching the tower construction; with Bath stone detailing.

The stainless steel roof of the extension sits behind a parapet and is designed to accommodate the north aisle west window, with a low gutter purposefully placed beneath the window cill to ensure that the main roof line is set back, softening its outline when viewed from inside the church.

The roof discharges principally into a central gutter, which is set low to collect the outfall from the gutter section beneath the window. As a consequence, the gutters fall partially below ceiling level, and where this happens these have been concealed within the wall construction.

The new facilities include separate male and female toilets, and a wheelchair accessible WC. Whilst level access is afforded into the disabled toilet, through the widened existing doorway, the other rooms are set lower in the building to accommodate the drop in roof line across the west window.

A small utility room has been provided and will house the electrical meters and distribution board, once located against the rear face of the northwest tower buttress. The utility room also contains a cleaner's sink.

Foul and surface water drainage will be taken via the existing drain located immediately to the west of the building and runs beneath the tarmac path along the west boundary wall to the connection in the road. A CCTV survey of the drain has been undertaken, with the repairs recommended in the accompanying report to be undertaken as part of these works.

Internal finishes will include painted plaster and half tiled walls, painted ceilings and tiled floors.

**NEW SERVERY AND FLOWER ARRANGERS CUPBOARD**

Fabrication of a servery that will be used by the Church for the serving of hot drinks, savouries and meals prepared off site - a large oven allowing these to be reheated. The servery will also include a long counter, prep area, sink and fridge. Power and water can be shut down and the servery closed off when not in use.

A wide cupboard at the west end of the servery, will provide much needed space for the flower arrangers, and screen the entrance to the lavatory facilities.

**REMODELED NORTH AISLE ROOM**

The room adjacent to the organ has been used to store redundant items of furniture, speakers and a modest collection of ancient books. The intention is to clear the space - gifting the book collection to a worthy recipient - and fit out the room as a church office. The proposed works include the insertion of an insulated ceiling with angled rooflight, insulation against the walls, and the adaptation of the existing screen door. The new joisted ceiling structure has been designed so that the section along the organ casing can be carefully taken down and allow access to the organ for repair. A series of storage cupboards will also be provided against the west wall.

**READING DESK**

The two sections of the Ashworth reading desk are to be put back together and located in the North East Chapel. Bringing the desk back into use after many years.

**RECONFIGURED DAIS**

At present there is a narrow area of floor along the front of the chancel that extends into the north and south aisle; making for a rather restrictive space that is ill-suited for current styles of worship and large public events. The new dais has been carefully designed to bring the celebrant closer to the congregation and provide additional space for use during services. The extended dais will be finished with new stone flags to match the existing.

As part of these works the front four rows of pews - eight benches in total - have been removed to free up space for circulation and other activities.

**FONT RELOCATION**

Baptisms continue to be a fundamental part of church life, but the font's location at the back of the nave is considered to be ill-suited and merits relocating nearer the congregation. Consequently, the proposal is to site the font in front of the Greenway Chapel. The existing box pews will be adapted and relocated (revealing the intricate carvings of the chapel screen) and the font set on a new stone (blue Lias) floor, designed to create a befitting setting.

**ENLARGED COMMUNITY AND CONGREGATION SPACE**

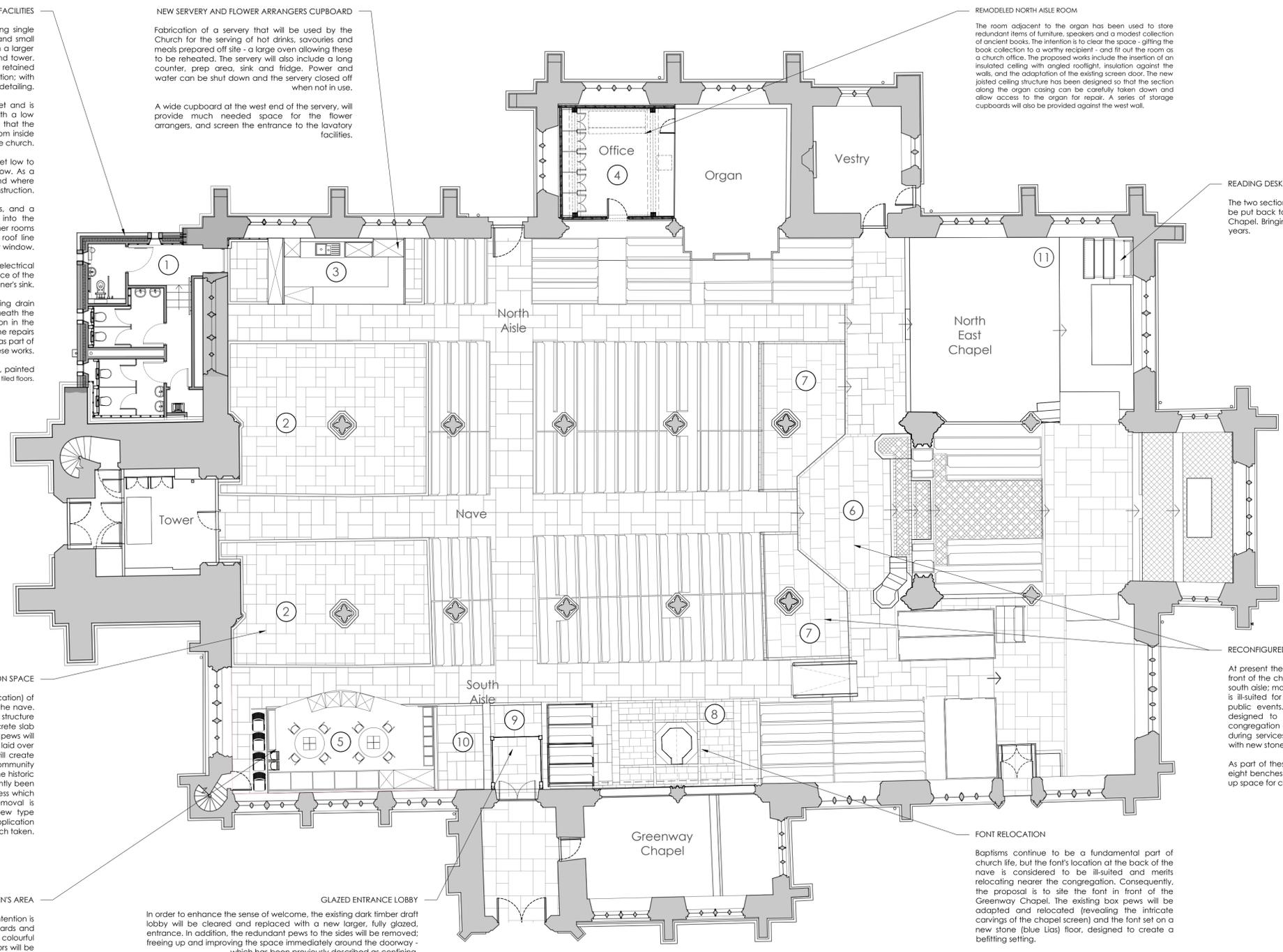
The proposed work comprises of the careful removal (and relocation) of eight rows of pews, two sets of four benches from the rear of the nave. The pew platforms will also be removed, along with the joisted structure beneath. The floor void will be cleared and a new solid Limestone slab installed. The areas of modern concrete paving to west of the pews will also be lifted and cleared away, with a new blue Lias flag floor laid over both areas. The area cleared by the removal of the pews will create much needed space for congregation following a service or community event. The provenance of the pews has been established in the historic building appraisal, prepared by GHK. Each pew has subsequently been inspected, categorised, photographed and recorded. A process which has ensured that consequences of the proposed pew removal is understood, and where possible, one example of each pew type remains in the church. A series of plans included with the application illustrate the approach taken.

**CHILDREN'S AREA**

The children's area is a well-used part of the church, and the intention is to renew the tired furniture with a mix of purpose-built cupboards and off-the-shelf chairs and storage containers. The furniture will be colourful and suit a range of ages. In addition, the line of cupboard doors will be decorated with a vibrant print, creating a Christian themed 'mural'. The cupboards will also be fitted with a variety of shelves, pegs and drawers to suit the assortment of toys, books and art materials available to the children.

**GLAZED ENTRANCE LOBBY**

In order to enhance the sense of welcome, the existing dark timber draft lobby will be cleared and replaced with a new larger, fully glazed, entrance. In addition, the redundant pews to the sides will be removed; freeing up and improving the space immediately around the doorway - which has been previously described as confining.



Revision	Date	Initials	Notes
A	29/04/2020	MV	Ashford reading desk and dais ramp added. Block of pews added to the west of the font and setting reconfigured. Frontal added to the west of the entrance lobby and children's area adjusted accordingly.

**TIVERTON St Peter**

**Church Plan | As Proposed**

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