

# Reimagining Our Church for the Kingdom



The shape of things to come – February 2018



# Setting our campus to work for the kingdom

## Vision: Setting our campus to work for the kingdom

From Mark Searle

We started 2018 with a series of invitations to follow, grow, worship, give and go. It has been so encouraging to hear how you have been responding with steps of faith to reach those around you. As a church family we are here for the good of others. Archbishop William Temple expressed it like this, “the church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members”.

The building where we gather is not only a place that we can call ‘home’, but it is also a resource-base for mission. It is a place of encounter, learning, envisioning and equipping to enable us to go out to be a blessing and make disciples\*. But our church building is also a place of invitation and hospitality. It provides a recognisable focal point for the wider community and gives us the opportunity to point everyone to Jesus - in whom there is fullness of life\*\*.

We must ensure that our church building works for the mission to which God has called us. The generations before us rebuilt, extended, expanded and refurbished the church building they inherited. All with the purpose of reaching the community as it was then. The baton is now in our hands and it is time to run our part of the marathon race. We need not only a building, which works for us to

day but one, which we, as good stewards, can pass onto future generations.

This is why over the last five years the PCC has asked the ROCK Team to look at our buildings, our campus and out current and likely needs. As you will know from the last major consultation in 2016, the Team identified three key objectives as far as our church building and campus are concerned.

- Transforming the interior
- Expanding the footprint
- Renewing the landscape.

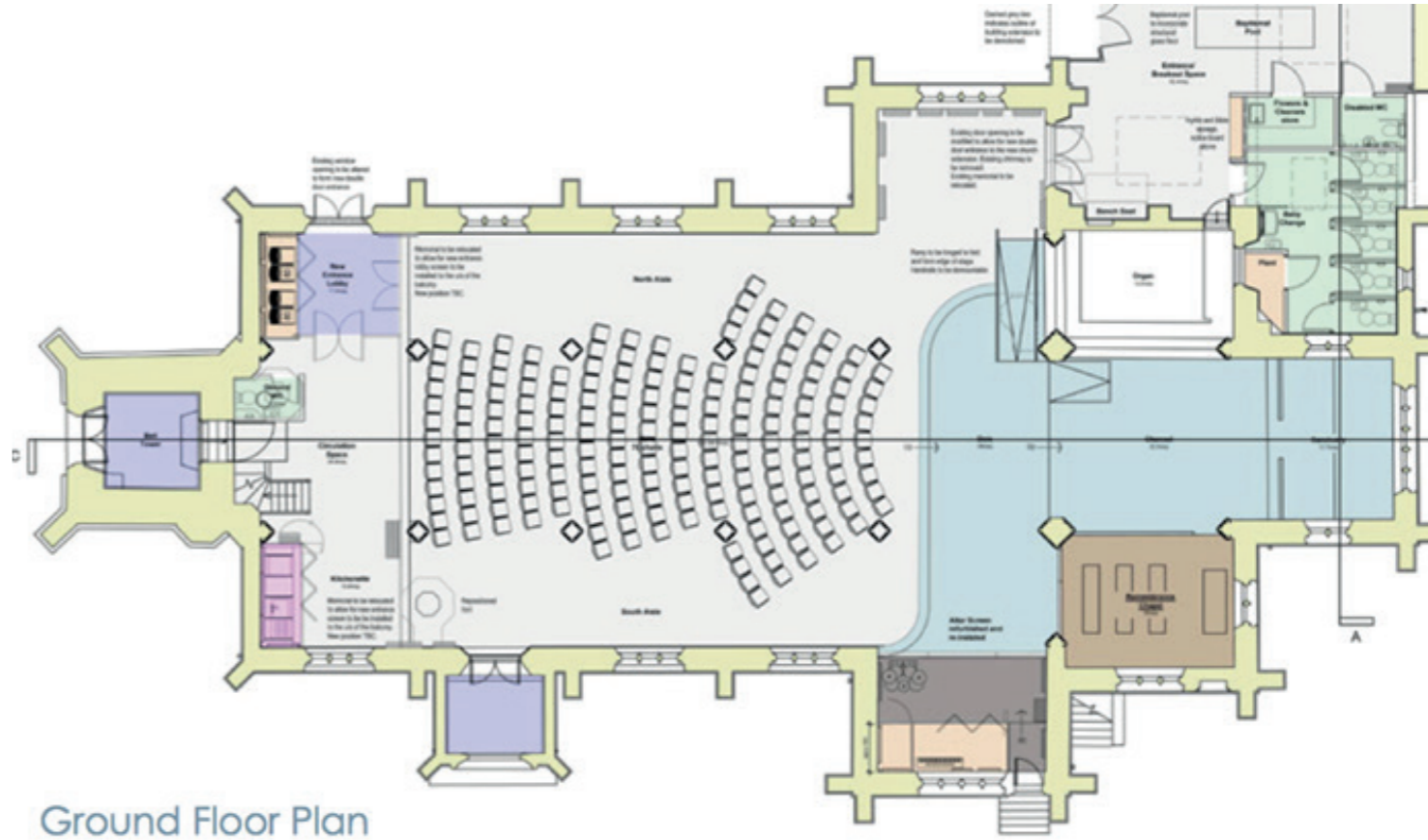
This is the big vision to, “Reimagine Our Church for the Kingdom”. As you new Rector I am a latecomer to this have journey but I have engaged purposefully with the ROCK team for the last eight months. In that time we have looked at many options for setting the church building to work for the mission. The Team has taken into account the extensive feedback from previous consultations as well as that of the local authority and diocesan planners and advisers. The current plans are ambitious but respectful of the existing church building and many of its historic features. I firmly believe that the renewed church building and

campus they will serve God's mission and enable us to tell more effectively the greatest story ever told for generations to come.

There are many more details that need to be worked through. But in these plans I see a church building where the whole campus is welcoming and accessible. A new entrance that is open, inviting, and that has baptism right at the start of the journey. With flexible rooms and welcome areas for the youngest and the oldest. A transformed church building that can be home for traditional and contemporary worship. Yet is flexible enough to host a concert, a gathering of the 650 WASPS pupils and staff, or a ball to which we invite the whole of Weston.

It is therefore a pleasure to commend these plans to the church family. I invite you to look prayerfully, creatively and with the eyes of faith. Let's set the whole campus to work for the kingdom.

\*Phil 2:10, Eph 4:12, Gen 12:2-3, Matt 28:19.  
\*\*John 10:10



Ground Floor Plan





## transforming the interior

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