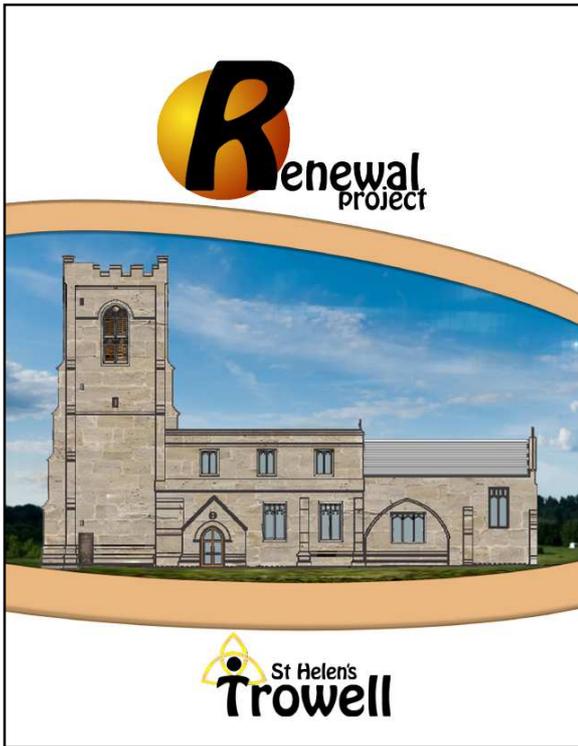


St Helen's Church, Trowell

Re-ordering Project Summary

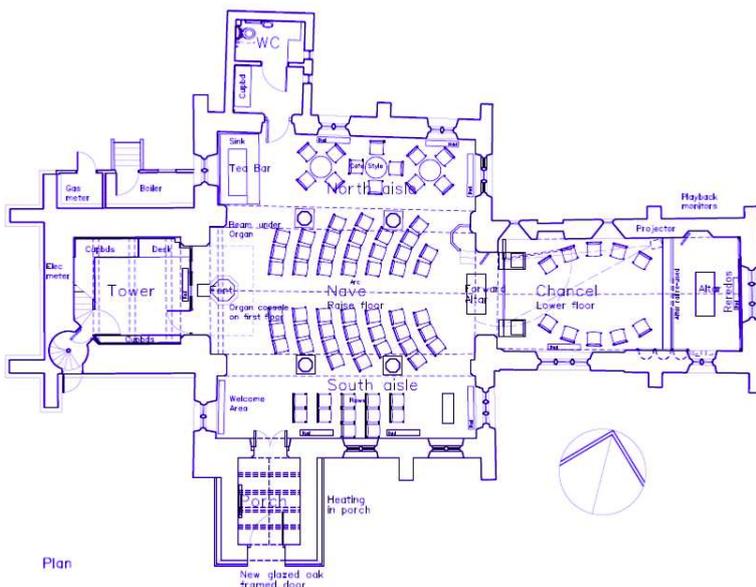
As a church fellowship St Helen's seeks to continue to provide space for worship and community use into the future. Present use highlights the limits of what is a relatively small space inside, designed for the needs of previous generations. There is a need and desire to enhance and modernise the church interior for the present day community.

The aim is to make the building more adaptable and appropriate for regular worship, special events and occasional offices; to make better use of the space available, to make the church building more warm and welcoming; and to provide space that continues to develop ways for the church to serve in the wider community.



Some of the planned changes to the church building will result in:

- * updated heating and lighting to replace the current system that is no longer adequate for winter temperatures
- * better disabled access to all the space through levelling the floor
- * providing more comfortable seating and appropriate furniture
- * a welcoming glass outer door and heating in the porch
- * redesigned storage and windows in the vestry to create a safe crèche space
- * retaining and revealing the best of the church's historic features



Benefit for the wider community:

There would be a better space for existing use of the building for community events: Wednesday Church, Light Night, Arts & Flowers Festival, School visits, and Remembrance; as well as regular worship, Bible study, prayer meetings, and music evenings. It should be possible to offer space for small meetings, support groups, and young people.

Process:

We will be applying for planning permission (Faculty) that will involve consultation with outside groups and opportunity for issues to be considered. Money needs to be raised (est. £110,000) and the aim is to devote 10% of this to local groups and charities. So there will be time before any work starts.

Renewing our buildings to better serve our worship and service in the community