

Project for the future of Christ Church and our buildings

1 Vision

To continue to provide Christ Church for many years to come with buildings suited to its central purposes of worship and mission, its service to its regular ministry and changing congregation and its outreach to the parish and the wider community.

- To preserve and improve the inherited gift of our Teulon church so that it retains all that is essential and valued, while adapting and altering those features which could better serve future needs. Our fine tradition of prudent and perceptive development must continue, if we are to equip our successors with a church building that will match the needs of the 21st century as well as it has served Christ Church for the last 150 years.
- To provide meeting areas which support, complement and enhance the work and activities of the church. The current Christ Church hall has been a valuable resource for church-linked organisations and community use. Such uses need facilities that are integrated with those required for the church but can also stand alone. Research may be required to identify further opportunities for community use in West Wimbledon and how well the present hall, though recently well refurbished, will meet longer-term objectives.
- To ensure that the Vicar of Christ Church and his/her family have a vicarage which meets contemporary requirements, provides an attractive working environment and is separate from other church buildings and uses. In many respects the present vicarage, though built only 50 years ago, fails to meet such specifications.
- To address the future environmental requirements of the Church of England to reduce the Church's current carbon footprint by 42% by 2020.

2 Project Purpose

The purpose of the project is to investigate the best ways of delivering this vision by examining options made available by the suggestion from diocesan officials to the PCC to sell the present vicarage and buy from the parish the present hall site for a programme of integrated development including a new hall and vicarage. This will be achieved by a thorough consideration of all aspects of this proposal, establishing secure factual evidence affecting the possible choices, given the nature of the combined site, the financial position, planning and environmental issues and the interacting roles of the parish and the diocese. Once initial consent has been given to examine this proposal with appropriate professional advice, as the project proceeds, these options will be refined through a process of analysis and consultation so that recommendations and a decision can be made and implemented.

3. Interested Parties (stakeholders)

The people who will be involved in the project are:

- The congregation who will be consulted and informed at each stage of the project
- The Vicar, Churchwardens and the PCC who bear statutory responsibility for the fabric, finances and facilities of Christ Church buildings
- The diocese who own both the church and the vicarage. Any changes to the church must be secured by the granting of a faculty. The diocese is also responsible for policy and provision in regard to the incumbent's housing,
- Local groups who use or might use the facilities

4. Timescales

Expected approximate timescales are:

Period	Activity	Result
Jan to September 2010	Establish local building options Develop vision Suggest choices	Outline vision
Autumn	Refine choices, applications for consents	Project outline
Spring 2011	Decision on preferred choice	
2011- 2012	Detailed plans, final approvals	
2012	Commence works	

5. Project Governance (who is responsible for what)

The Vicar (as Chairman) and the PCC are ultimately responsible for decisions and are accountable both to the congregation and to the diocesan authorities.

The PCC will be supported by a Project Working Group.

The Diocese will provide support to the PCC throughout this exercise, especially in regard to their responsibility for the incumbent's housing

It is expected that the PCC will need to appoint its own expert advisers in respect of particular aspects of this project.