



The Future of All Saints' Church

Public Meeting Agenda & Information

Public Meeting
Saturday 30th June, 2012

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Aim of meeting: to inform you of the plans, to listen to your feedback and to request your support

10.00 Welcome, Introduction and Background:

Robin Shawyer,
Chairman of 'All Saints Forward' Core Group

10.15 The Proposed Design Plans:

Brian Foxley, RIBA AABC Architect
Architect Accredited in Building Conservation

10.50 Funding Appeal:

Robin Shawyer

11.00 Question session:

Robin Shawyer and Brian Foxley

11.15 Coffee/Tea and Individual Discussions with Core Group members

We hope that you will offer us your support. If so, please see one of the Core Group members before you leave today and add your name to our 'List Of Supporters'.

If you would like to offer us financial support, please see the coloured leaflet 'Funding Appeal'.

Background

- Winterton Parochial Church Council [the PCC] has a duty to look at its priorities; how we use our premises for the good of All Saints and in our endeavour to serve the wider community [Parish Church].
- In 2005 the Bishop of Grimsby challenged us to develop our vision and plan for the future.
- All Saints is a listed Grade I building. Any plans must respect this heritage but also meet the needs of our community into the future.
- Such planning has happened many times in the history of our church. The Victorian period saw a major new vision with resulting plans which brought re-roofing, the installation of an organ, the removal of the west gallery and the installation of the present pew benches amongst other developments.
- Apart from the Bishop's challenge, there are Health and Safety issues and access for disabled people to consider.
- Any changes to such an important listed building require very careful thought and planning [plus huge sums of money].
- The PCC has throughout been determined to aim for a transparent process of consultation. Many meetings have involved the Core Group consulting with Methodists, Roman Catholics, town councillors and the wider community. Regular reports have been in the magazine and on our church website.
- The PCC has been careful to take advice about how best to proceed: in 2008 appointed an architect experienced in church conservation and in 2009 a temporary project facilitator.
- Core Group set up by the PCC to lead and develop this project. Final decisions rest with the PCC.

Core Group named 'All Saints Forward' & members include:

Revd Alice Nunn	Revd Jane Whitehead	Revd Bill Pegg
Jean Key	Dr Russell Walshaw	Pat Cooke
Elaine Southern	Robin Shawyer	Ida Liversidge
Derick Liversidge	Dorothy Yeadon	Shirley White
Frank Jervis	Margaret Holtby	Gwenifer Shawyer
Sarah Precious	Lucinda Hopkins	Sue Anable
Gail Summerfield	Karen Fanthorpe	Tim Johns

The Story so Far

2009: February. A Cultural Audit with 60+ face to face community interviews to gain an overview of the 'way we do things around here'. Confirmed that we are very traditional but there is a desire for change.

May. Core Group considered what the Parish church is like NOW and what it could be, for the Parish, in the FUTURE. Also to be considered were the BARRIERS which might prevent this coming to fruition.

June to October. Statements of Purpose, to guide our future plans drafted, refined and adopted by PCC [see later pages for these Statements].

October. Workshop with architect explored how the purposes of All Saints can be best expressed by our building. By then the Core Group was researching a number of possible changes in the use of the building and in the pattern of church activities.

2010: January. Core Group meeting with The Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey. She gave us very strong encouragement to move further ahead developing our ideas for our church organisation and our building.

February. Public Meeting at Trinity Methodist Church to inform and involve those interested in workshops to develop ideas and give feedback.

April. Anonymous donations of £25,000 gift aided to church [total £32,000+] to ensure project continues.

April to December. Detailed thought about each aspect of our plan [liturgical, logistical, heritage, social and community, historical research etc] in preparation for an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund [HLF]. Separate thought about each space within the church and how it can best contribute to our Statements of Purpose. Thorough review of architectural brief.

Letters of support received and meetings with interested persons and those who could offer professional advice.

2011: January. Start made to the pre-application form for HLF. Also visit by Lincoln Diocese Advisory Committee [DAC] for outline discussions. They also gave positive feedback to us.

February to May. Further review of ideas following DAC visit and comments. Initial costing of proposals.

June. Submission of HLF pre-application led to very positive response and encouragement to submit Stage 1 application.

July/August. Writing the Stage 1 HLF application, identification of possible sources of match-funding, writing of Conservation Statement, preparation of outline Activity Plan.

September: Stage 1 HLF application submitted.

November: Positive reply received with go-ahead to move to Stage 2 application. HLF awarded us £36,000 to pay for the continued development of the project.

The Story so Far [cont.]

2012: January. Re-appointment of architect under HLF guidelines.

February to June. Commissioning conservators to report on numerous aspects of the building and its contents.

Continuing historical research.

Funding applications to large number of potential match-funders.

Contact and quotes from potential suppliers.

Developing the detail of the activity plan.

Refinement of design concepts by our architect.

Today: presentation of latest design ideas and request for support.

Yet to come

Write and submit HLF Stage 2 application by September 2012.

HLF reply [positive we hope] December 2012.

From January 2013 further development work, faculty approval and tendering.

Capital building work to start December 2013.

Completion by August 2014.

Full use of building and programme of new activities from September 2014.

Did you know?

Parts of our beautiful church were almost pulled down as 'beyond repair' in the 1660s following lack of upkeep during the Civil War.

A document dated 20th May, 1664, records a Commission set up by the Diocese on Winterton Church. Statements on oath were taken from Mathew Brown, mason; Jeremy Simpson, carpenter, and Peter Chafer, plumber and glazier. Mathew Brown stated that '... the two Aisles adjoining upon the steeple have bin out of repair & ruinous..... seven years & especially the North Aisle....' and that the '..... two Aisles may be taken down & the materials impoyed towards repairs & that without any prejudice or loss to the church or steeple.' To this Jeremy Simpson agreed.

Fortunately the advice was not followed and later that century the church was restored by Thomas Place out of his own pocket. He 'repaired the church of Winterton, which had so seriously gone to decay that for some time after the restoration of peace, there was neither glass for the windows, nor covering for the body of the building: the congregation suffered much from being thus exposed to the weather, until Mr Place most liberally supplied these deficiencies. New floors were laid; the pews were constructed of oak; the walls cleaned; the town bells recast and the churchyard levelled and put into order.'

Statements of Purpose

“Participating in the future encouraged by the past”

We are people of faith, who with God’s help, celebrate our Christian inheritance by:

- **Sharing the sacrament of Holy Communion¹**
 - We will maintain the service pattern, which suits our current congregation.
 - We will create, over time, new ways to cater for those 'locked' out by the nature of our current worship provision.
 - We will create time and space for our close church family and time and space for our extended community family, to share and celebrate.
 - We will offer space for individual quiet prayer and study.
- **Offering Hospitality²**
 - We welcome everybody, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age and status.
 - We will connect with our local community.
 - We will create new opportunities for our community to make use of our church: and our church to reach out into our community.
 - We will listen, serve and care for our community in a relevant but distinctive manner.
 - We will make use of our own strengths, and encourage others to contribute theirs, so that we do all that we can to offer support, learning and service to our community: be they individuals, organisations or schools.
 - We will work with our partners and fellow congregations in the community to offer appropriate services, which complement those already on offer locally.
 - We will recognise the limits set by our small numbers: we must not promise that which we cannot deliver: it is better for us to ‘under promise and over deliver’ on ‘quality’.
 - We will measure our success by means other than the simple counting of ‘pew numbers’ attending services.

¹ *Holy Communion is transcendent and immanent, complex and simple, quiet and joyful*

² *The Gospel and its application; Inviting in and reaching out; Connecting and supporting*

Statements of Purpose [cont.]

- We will improve our communication with our community so that there is a fuller understanding of what we do and what we offer. This will help towards changing attitudes about our church.

In addition

- We value tradition but seek opportunity for change. We recognise that we are, and are seen to be, very traditional. We wish to maintain the best aspects of our Eucharistic tradition but we also recognise the need for change to take place if we are to remain relevant to the needs of our changing community. This change is a work in progress and already begun.
- We will develop ways to allow us to maintain the best of our building's physical past while bringing about changes for the future. This involves seeking ways to retain the best aspects of our building and its meaning as a place of worship, prayer and spiritual comfort but also finding ways to create flexible space. This will allow us to encourage the new developments needed to bring about a closer engagement with our community and to meet people's needs.
- We will aim to keep the church building open during most daylight hours, [our church will be 'visible' and open to all], preferably with duty person[s] on-site.
- We will make our space more available for community uses. In this, we will take advantage of the central physical presence in the community afforded by our location.

The above Statements of Purpose were adopted by the PCC in 2009 and are the guiding concepts behind the current restoration and development plan for the church.

For further details about the project please see our church website at <http://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/winterton/>

You are most welcome to discuss the plans with the Vicar, churchwardens or contact Robin Shawyer on 01724 734285 or any Core Group member.

