

## A Church to Serve the Community Today and Tomorrow

### Our Needs

With a growing congregation and additional community activity our needs have changed and we need to take full stock of what they now are. With steadily growing faith numbers and an increasing amount of community need as we seek to fill gaps left by lack of statutory provision we need to add an element of future proofing. We need to bring together our original plans for development set in motion at the end of the 1908's with new and emerging ones looking at four distinct areas.

The four distinct areas are "Worship and Faith", "Social Action", "the Church Fabric" and "Heritage and People

Area	What we need
Worship and Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A chapel area – space for quiet prayer (current vestry)</li> <li>• Two Sunday school/meeting rooms with up to date equipment and divider to allow use as one big meeting room. (North East corner)</li> <li>• Water and more than one toilet at North East corner</li> <li>• Inbuilt equipment for Gen Y – Youth Mass – projection and computer equipment</li> <li>• Flexible space to accommodate larger gatherings – both at worship and socially (south west corner)</li> <li>• Storage space – for tables, chairs and various equipment, toys for Little Angels etc</li> <li>• Flower area including flower sink – separate from kitchen sink</li> </ul>
Social Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Larger kitchen area with facilities for larger gatherings – but has to be in keeping with the church and maintain H&amp;S when little ones in church</li> <li>• Seating area for coffee, gatherings – flexible</li> <li>• More notice boards and display areas in church</li> <li>• Inclusion of Parish Office space</li> </ul>
Church Fabric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal somehow of box pews from current location, if they can be removed totally from the church that would be best – otherwise look at relocation.</li> <li>• Repair of roof and any other major repairs</li> <li>• Upgrading of lighting to be more flexible</li> <li>• Rewiring</li> <li>• Broadband, wifi</li> <li>• Telephone</li> <li>• Upgrading of heating with more flexible control</li> <li>• Clock face refurbishment – repainting or regilding</li> <li>• Improved PA system especially lectern mic</li> <li>• Solar panels on nave and south aisle roof for fuel and revenue</li> <li>• Grey water recycling for drainage.</li> </ul>
Heritage and People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links with local school and Portfield to develop St James as a teaching resource for schools</li> <li>• Heritage hub access point that could be used by Historical Society and people researching family trees etc.</li> </ul>