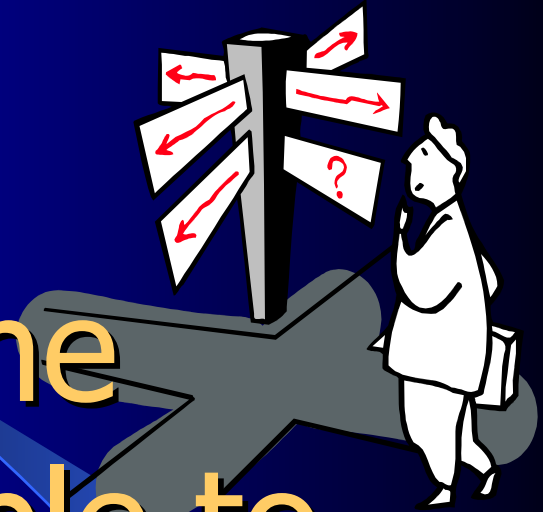


What choices for the building are available to us at St Andrew's church as we seek to choose a vision for the next 50 years



9 minutes and questions
afterwards please

What is our Vision for St Andrews Church and why is this important ?

Any change is called re-ordering

Observations (i)

- ❖ Church is fairly cluttered and there are lots of good things going on but not related to each other.
- ❖ We make changes/additions without relating them to other ongoing projects
- ❖ We are reactive to needs rather than pro active to what message we want to give or ministry we want to do.

Observations (ii)

- ❖ 2010 is the 100th anniversary of the building of St Andrew's. This creates an opportunity.
- ❖ Observations from visiting clergy and lay people have pointed out our weaknesses (and strengths)

What is our Vision ?

Where are we going ?

Clarify our Vision – this will then allow us to aim at specific areas rather than dilute our opportunities by doing too many things.

Vision (i)

- ❖ How do we know whether to add toilets, kitchens, offices and where and why ?
- ❖ How will our church buildings relate to people over the next 10 to 20 years?

It's about:

What is our vision ?

and

Where are we going ?

Vision

- ❖ It's not about where we place things.
- ❖ It's not about how WE are going to redesign the church buildings
- ❖ Its not about adding one off temporary solutions.

Resources to do this

- ❖ P.C.C Sub committee of 5. - Elaine Smith, Nick Blackwood, Richard Hall, Mike Langford and Chris Watson
- ❖ Book "Re-pitching the Tent – All PCC members are reading it. (Best book on re –ordering a church building)

Resources to do this

- ❖ Invited other vicars and outsiders for critical opinion of our buildings and message.
- ❖ Archdeacon is keen and will support us
- ❖ We visit other churches/places of worship.

Questions to 14 PCC members (14 replies)

What describes our church ?

What do we do/stand for ?

Why do we do it ?

Vision for the buildings

What describes our Church

Bucks the trend, not Anglican,
good mixture, influenced by
evangelical and charismatic
movements, growing, friendly,
accepting, cold outside - warm
inside, comprehensive,

What describes our Church

all encompassing, sharing,
cramped, ministries too
influenced by what time
people have available,
bit disjointed, all forms of
worship, nuclear family based,
lively.

What describes our church summary

To be a welcoming and accepting
Church family for people at any
stage of their spiritual journey.

We seek to help every individual
of whatever depth of faith
achieve their full potential in
Christ

What do we do / stand for (i)

Good worship, good children's work, outreach through marriage and baptism, good teaching, support each other, make people aware of God once they have shown an interest, variety of worship styles, make Christ known,

What do we do / stand for (ii)

Alpha, enquirers welcome, example to each other, formal and informal, try to be all things to all people – no positive direction visible, participation required (could be scary) non judgemental, biblical values.

What do we do / stand for summary

We stand for our Church of England heritage (*access to the parish through Baptism marriage and funerals*) and that we outreach to the community through the use of our buildings being a community resource and through Alpha and excellent children's work.

Why do we do it ?

Because Christ loves us, to bring Glory to God, to be there for people, recognition of what God has done for us, living out Kingdom values, belonging through sociability and togetherness not necessarily spiritual reasons.

Why do we do it ?

summary....

Because we acknowledge that
Christ loved us first.

We seek to bring Glory to God
and that whatever our depth
of faith the Church Family is
a source of unique fellowship

Vision for the buildings (i)

Less constrained and cluttered environment required

Prioritise the 3 visions of active faith/community and resourcing

Church buildings to be a more involved in physical community activities

Vision for the buildings (ii)

Need space to grow/better use of existing space

Updating of loos and toilets

Increase size of Narthex

More meeting rooms

Involve the local community more in what they want from their local church

Vision for the buildings (iii)

**Make St Andrews non-threatening
to non-churchgoers**

**Make it into a centre of training,
a café, a youth centre**

Allow more flexibility of rooms

**Maintain the vision of having a
large worship centre**

Vision for the building summary

Our vision for the next 5 – 10 years
would be :

To increase the size of the
gathering area (Narthex) and
update it with modern facilities
(toilets and a kitchen area).

Summary continued

We would seek to improve the use of existing areas of the building and add more meeting rooms so we can facilitate more groups but still maintain a large worship area.

Views of St Andrew's congregation

We have results of previous
Church questionnaire

We need:

Your Ideas passed to Buildings
Working Group / PCC

Slips in suggestion box

Small groups feedback

Church Questionnaire (leaflets)

What could be done to the interior of the Church to improve your time spent in St Andrew's, during the Services you attend

Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the facilities of the Church building for use at times **OTHER** than Services by:

Canvassing views of people who use the church/hall for meetings

Name of Group

Place of meeting (Halls or Church)

Day of each meeting

Normal number attending

Canvassing views of people who use the church/hall

What restrictions do you find on your meeting place

What improvements could be made

How did you find out about the facility

Community Questionnaire for existing interest groups in Starbeck

Which group in Starbeck do you belong to ?

What does your group do ?

When does your group meet ?

How do you perceive St Andrew's church in the community

Community Questionnaire for existing interest groups in Starbeck

What is missing in the way of facilities in the Starbeck area ?

What contact have you had with St Andrew's over the past 5 years ?

Are you aware of what facilities St Andrew's church offers as a building?

The Way forward

- i. Collate the questionnaires
- ii. Approach architects with our researched views
- iii. Get free outline ideas from Architects
- iv. Review each project / cost / investment

Questions

