

Cossington Church and Community Centre

Building for Cossington's Future

Project Group Update: Winter 2015



We aim to improve the fabric & facilities of All Saints Church in order to:

- **Serve the whole community of Cossington as a community centre for all.**
- **Enable and equip the growing Cossington church family to thrive.**

Hello Cossington and welcome to the Autumn version of the now famous Church Project Update.

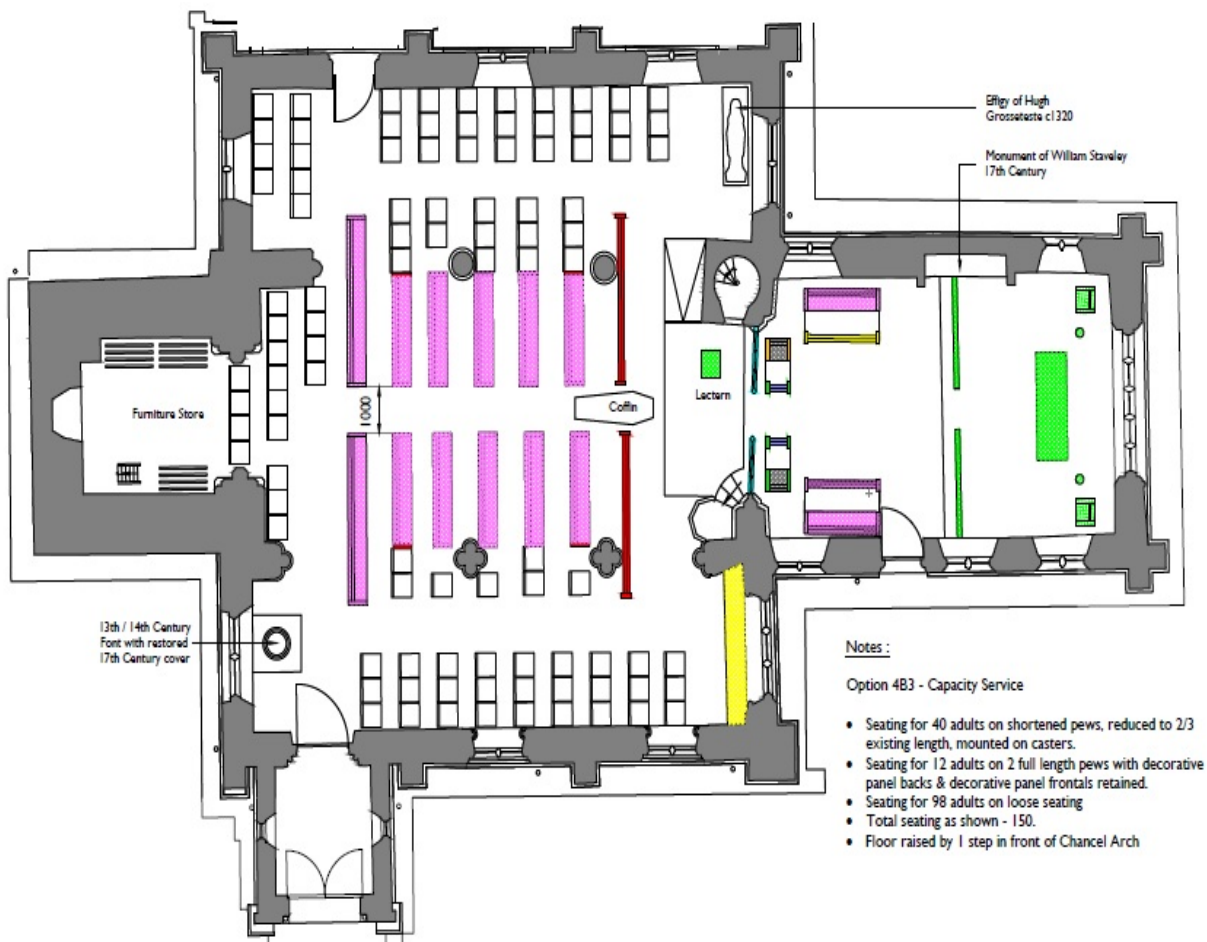
“Why famous?” I hear you cry, dear reader. Because our duly elected Member of the Westminster Parliament, Edward Argar and our Borough Councillor,

James Poland are now informed of the existence of the All Saints development and have lent us their whole hearted support.

They were genuinely excited and impressed by our community's plans and pledged their help in achieving them.

Mr. Argar looked forward to holding his MP's surgeries in the new facilities.

Design Work outlining the proposals for internal reordering of the church submitted to the DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee) in March has received agreement in principle.



Roof Work is now being put out to tender and the necessary Faculty is being processed. The proposed start date is Spring 2016. Part of the reason for this date is the hibernation period of the colony of bats which inhabit the church.



Ecology Surveys have shown that we are blessed with three species of bat – Soprano Pipistrelle, Common Pipistrelle, Brown Long Eared and the relatively scarce Natterer's Bat. Natterer's bats particularly favour old buildings, such as Churches.

The timing for the roof repairs reflects the need to avoid disruption of their hibernation and breeding patterns.



The Church Drive and the trees around the Vestry have been mentioned as needing remedial work. We have received the necessary planning permission from the Local Authority and Faculty permission from the Diocese. We expect this work to start in the next few weeks.



Fund Raising; a Fund Raising Sub Committee has been formed to gather core documentation for further major funding applications in 2016.

Your Views? - A key aim of these Project Updates is to promote discussion about the Project within our community. Please, we would welcome any thoughts on the proposals and progress to date. We do not expect them all to be positive. If you have any concerns or wish to clarify any detail please, please do not hesitate to contact us. We want everyone to know what is proposed so that everyone has an informed understanding. This project is for everyone.

Email: Paul Dearson paul@posidrive.co.uk and let him know your views and especially if you would like to be involved with a heritage society!