

Vision News

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October 2008 saw the launch of the Vision Project for St Laurence's with an open meeting attended by 130 people at the Ludlow Assembly Rooms. The meeting, organised by the Parochial Church Council, marked the start of a wide ranging consultation process. Those attending were welcomed by the Team Rector Brian Curnew.

An Asset Management Plan has identified over seventy items requiring repair or replacement in the next few years. Most significantly, the heating system, lighting system and the Victorian floors in the church are wearing out and will have to be replaced very soon. This presents a unique opportunity to reconsider how the building is used and how it should be arranged for the future.

Guest speaker the Rev'd Andrew Mottram, Director of Ecclesiastical Property Solutions, emphasised the need to establish the facts before making any decisions about the future. "Everyone involved should be fully informed about the building, its origins, history and development through the centuries" he said. He reminded the audience that church buildings have been subjected to constant change and development through the ages. Although the exterior walls of St Laurence's have changed little since their construction, the interior of the building, its fixtures and fittings have been subject to continual change and development. "Any re-arrangement of the interior should be in response to its intended function, as a place of worship, and also a significant venue for many other activities in the life of Ludlow and the surrounding area" he said. The PCC wants to ensure that St Laurence's is 'fit for purpose' and has the facilities required in the 21st Century.

Illustrated public talks

by Shaun Ward *Clerk of Works*

Tuesday 7 July 10am St John's Chapel
Conserving St Laurence's for the future
An in-depth look at repair and maintenance

Tuesday 14 July 10am St John's Chapel
Conserving St Laurence's for the future
A repeat, for those who can't make the 7 July

Tuesday 21 July 10am St John's Chapel
Building faith in the future
An opportunity to see other church projects

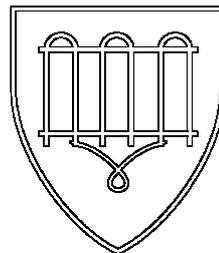
Vision Project Timescale

Oct 2008 Phase 1 Consultation & Engagement

Oct 2009 Phase 2 Feasibility Study & Concept Design

2012 - Phase 3 Construction & Implementation

2014 Phase 4 Evaluation



Who's, who...

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Time for You to have Your Say!

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow is embarking upon a major, long-term project, with the vision of creating a church building that can better meet the needs of the wider community. This will involve a major re-ordering of the interior of the church so as to make it more accessible, usable and comfortable for worship, concerts, exhibitions, meetings and all the other activities that take place within its walls.

An early part of the project involves engaging with the town, and over recent weeks we have been seeking the views of representatives of a wide range of worshippers, residents, businesses and organisations in and around Ludlow. Now we are about to do a mail-drop to every household in Ludlow, so that everyone can have their say as to how St Laurence's can better meet the needs of the 21st century.

This is your parish church, so do please take this opportunity to respond.