

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH GLAPTHORN
Minutes of Extraordinary Parochial Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 1st November 2022, at 7.30 pm at the Hilton's

Present:	
Joshua Jackson	Penny Reading
Brigitte Hilton	Sonya Moss
Philip Hilton	Anne Cashmore

This was a meeting specifically called to discuss and decide on interior lighting options for St. Leonard's, following a visit to Elton Church.

Philip Hilton recapped on the information sent to all P.C.C. members by email, for consideration:

Objectives and Options

The objectives of any new lighting system were confirmed as:

- To improve the general level and coverage of lighting for services and other events (in particular to make reading easier for the congregation, participants or audience);
- To assist lighting for concerts, performances etc. and use by the Children from Glapthorn School, both to provide a better experience for audiences and to assist performers;
- To enhance the visual impact of services, concerts, school events, etc.;
- To highlight the beauty and enhance the architectural features of the church, for the benefit of the community, churchgoers and visitors and to leave, for the benefit of future generations, a more attractive, interesting and useable building;
- To have lighting which can be varied to suit particular services and events.

The options for St. Leonard's are:

1. Lampholder Lighting Design – the most comprehensive lighting system of the options, with adequate illumination for reading; accent lighting to highlight architectural features and "centres of interest" (e.g. services at the altar, pulpit etc.); lighting of the roof area, also to highlight architectural features as well as provide additional light; flexibility so that each area can be lit separately to suit the service or event (making the church suitable for a wide variety of activities); low energy and

maintenance costs from LED lighting.

Estimated cost (uplift on 2019 proposal figures) – approximately £40k including installation and project management costs.

2. A pared back scheme - omitting roof lighting, including accent lighting and leaving general lighting dependent on the chandeliers. This would provide a less effective “reading light” for the congregation and would reduce the level of architectural enhancement, thereby leaving less of an impact and benefit for future generations.

Estimated cost – approximately £21k including installation and project management.

3. A simpler scheme – just to supplement the existing chandeliers with additional high-level lighting. This would improve the “reading light” for the congregation only.

Estimated cost – approximately £7k including installation and project management costs.

4. Remain with the existing lighting.

Grants and Donations – Anne is in the process of making an application to the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust for monies to fund some of the outstanding quinquennial work. In addition, there are a number of other organisations that can be approached to fund the main lighting costs – for example, North Northamptonshire Council, local landfill companies, and private charities. Anne is progressing this and putting a case together for how the church and its facilities have been used and hope to be used in the future, benefitting not only the congregation but the community at large. In addition to this, a programme of church fundraising activities will be put together locally, with the aim of raising about £2k towards the lighting fund.

Decision

After discussion around the options and funding, it was decided that Option 1 - the Lampholder Lighting Design proposal at approximately £40k – is the preferred option and that Benedict Cadbury should be commissioned to help with this project. As well as providing a good reading light, and all the benefits of additional, flexible use lighting detailed above, it was felt that it is important to have a church that can be used and is of benefit for the whole community both now, and for future generations.

Next Steps

- Anne will commence the process of applying for grants and donations, and when appropriate for asking that the current faculty is extended to allow works to commence
- Philip will speak to Benedict Cadbury to discuss timescales and next steps
- An update will go in the next Village Newsletter.