

Supporting Documentation

Eccleston St Mary – Sanctuary lamp

Note to parish

This bundle includes all the supporting documentation to your faculty application as required under Rule 5.5 of the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019.

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Caroline Hilton, DAC Secretary



18 July 2022

We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following-

Please describe the works or other proposals for which a faculty is sought in the way recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in its Notification of Advice.

SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS

Installation of a Sanctuary Lamp in accordance with the architects Options Appraisal dated 13.06.17 and REV A 23.09.20.

An Orthodox Brass Hanging Sanctuary Vigil Lamp has been purchased and Option B - Remote control operated LED Candle which is battery powered.

Copies of the Standard Information Form and any drawings, plans, specifications, photographs or other documents showing the proposals must be provided with this petition.

Ref:	2022-071036	Church:	Eccleston: St Mary
Diocese:	Chester	Archdeaconry:	Chester
Created By:	Mr Leslie Hocking (15/03/2022)	Contact Tel.:	07471 843434
Status:	Notification of advice		

Statement of Needs

General information

The Parish of Eccleston and Pulford is a rural community to the south of the City of Chester - population c600. It is traditionally a farming community but with the villages increasingly being used as a dormitory for people working in Chester, Wrexham or further afield. Eaton Hall (the home of the Grosvenor family) and its Estate is a major feature within the parish boundaries. The village of Eccleston is almost entirely owned by the Eaton Estate, with properties let out to tenants. Pulford was formerly also an Estate village.

There are two parish churches - Eccleston and Pulford - and one PCC. The worshipping community is drawn both from the parish and further afield. The Electoral Roll stands currently at 143. Eccleston Church is used for worship every Sunday and on many weekdays also. The building is kept open every day and receives a significant number of visitors, many drawn by the links to the Grosvenor family and the Eaton Estate.

Although there is a private chapel at Eaton Hall, Eccleston Church is used for Eaton Estate services - the churchyard has been the burial place of the Grosvenor family for several centuries.

What is needed?

There is a need for the installation of a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a parishioner and his family, who attended church regularly and was active in the Choir and also as PCC Member and later Treasurer.

The proposal

We have engaged the Parish Architect to conduct an Options Appraisal, purchased a Sanctuary Lamp and now apply for a faculty for the installation. PCC has been involved and given its approval at each stage.

Why?

Further to sections 4 & 5. This is a specific wish of a deceased member of our congregation and his family with a significant donation from his funeral service.

The Sanctuary Lamp has been supported by the last two Rectors, Revd Ian Thomas fully supported the discussions before his retirement in December 2014. During the interregnum the champion of the ideal passed away in March 2015, Peter Jackson was a previous PCC Treasurer and long standing member of the choir. The sanctuary lamp being a symbol to remind us of Jesus' Presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Following the appointment of Revd Roger Clarke to the Parish in December 2015, he thought it was a wonderful ideal and pursued the Options Appraisal with the Parish Architect, this was discussed with the PCC and congregation and the Lamp purchased by the Rector in 2017 the faculty for installation was not pursued until now, possibly because of the traumatic situation of Revd Roger Clarke's case.

St Mary's Church, Ecclestone is one of the few churches open all day and every day to allow people a quiet place of contemplation and sanctuary, also the body of the church believe the installation of the sanctuary lamp will enhance our worship as the light shines, also parishioners may request special prayer intentions be added to the light of the candle.

Justification

Significance will not be harmed. Indeed the historical significance will be enhanced as a place of worship and mission.

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Statement of Significance

Section 1: The church in its urban / rural environment.

1.1 Setting of the Church

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Eccleston is a beautiful and inspiring building, a magnificent example of the work of the foremost ecclesiastical architect of the late 19th century G.F. Bodley. It is designed in Decorated Gothic style and built in his favourite red sandstone

1.2 The Living Churchyard

There has been a Church in Eccleston since 1188. St Mary's stands adjacent to the ruin of the former church, itself a replacement of an earlier building and the graves of the Grosvenor family. (Dukes of Westminster)

The churchyard is a consecrated area still in use today.

1.3 Social History

The Church is the centre of the village and part of the Duke of Westminster's Eaton estate, the Duke is patron. There are Sunday Services for the parish and neighbouring community. The church is used for baptisms, weddings and funerals on a regular basis for the Parish and wider area of Chester and West Cheshire.

1.4 The church building in general

The Church is a place for worship, for community, for private prayer and reflection. St Mary's is a Grade 1 listed building and contains furnishings commissioned by G.F. Bodley. It is essentially unchanged from when it was consecrated in 1900.

1.5 The church building in detail

The present building is the third Church to have been built. There are few examples in the country of a Church which has remained virtually unchanged since the architect designed and built it a century ago. The beautifully carved stonework and the bosses in the roof can best be studied when the hidden lighting is used. The font is of Thessaly marble and is surmounted by a lifting oak cover on which is carved figures of eight saints. The tower contains one of the finest sets of eight bells in the country. The stained glass throughout the Church is the work of Burlinson and Grylls. The Grosvenor Chapel has three carved figures above the altar. In centre Our Lord, and on either side the first Archbishops of Canterbury and York, St. Augustine and St. Paulinus. Also here you will find memorials to five Dukes of Westminster.

1.6 Contents of the Church

As the principle architect G.F. Bodley not only oversaw the construction of the building but also the internal furnishings, including a Reredos (Farmer & Brindley), Organ Case, and Glass (all Burlinson & Grylls) - all dating from the building of the Church. The building and furnishings are thus "all of a piece" - there have been no significant alterations since consecration.

1.7 Significance for mission

As a place of worship for the community. To become a church of missionary disciples where all God's people are free to live the Christian life, wherever we spend our time Sunday to Saturday. The Church is a venue for various charity events including Choir Concerts, Music Events and even a Jubilee Party.

Section 2 : The significance of the area affected by the proposal.

2.1 Identify the parts of the church and/or churchyard which will be directly or indirectly affected by your proposal.

- The Sanctuary lamp is to be installed in the Chancel.
- Sanctuary lamp to be central to the altar.
- Sanctuary lamp to be approximately two meters from the finished floor level
- Sanctuary lamp to be central to balustrade

2.2 Set out the significance of these particular parts.

The proposed Orthodox Brass Hanging Sanctuary Vigil lamp will in no way detract from the significance of the building, but will be in keeping and enhance the Chancel area.

Section 3: Assessment of the impact of the proposals

3.1 Describe and assess the impact of your proposal on these parts, and on the whole.

The Sanctuary lamp is to be installed in Chancel area of the Church.

The remote control operated LED Candle is battery power so no electrical cables are required.

Suspension cables will be attached to the candle holder which will be held by discrete brackets, meaning the lamp will 'float'

3.2 Explain how you intend, where possible, to mitigate the impact of the proposed works on the significance of the parts affected and the whole.

It is intended that the Sanctuary lamp will enhance the area.

The suspension cables will not be a significant distraction.

Sources consulted

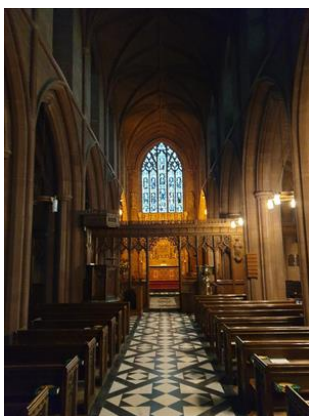
Parish Architect: Mr Tony Barton of Donald Insall Associates

Contractor: Simon Jones Electrical for Installation Quotation

Plan



Interior



Exterior



St. Mary's, Eccleston - Sanctuary Lamp

Options Appraisal
13.06.17
REV A. 23.09.20





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Lighting Options

Option A - Real candles

The traditional sanctuary lamp.

Maintenance

A pulley could be used to lower the candle holder for replacement and cleaning, as this task would have to be performed weekly and the candle would have to be lit everyday.

Advantages

Real flame effect.

Replacement batteries fortnightly.

Disadvantages

Weekly cleaning and maintenance and daily lighting and snuffing.

Weekly replacement and candle to be lit daily

Extra mechanism to lower the lamp to implement the candle



Real candles



Option B - Remote control operated LED Candles

A wireless battery powered system that can be remotely controlled to on/off or set to a timer.

Maintenance

There is very little maintenance required apart from changing the batteries probably about once a week or so but using an ordinary rechargeable battery pack

Advantages

Much less maintenance is required for remote control operated lights as they only require dusting.

Disadvantages

It's not a real flame, careful choice of light source required.

Battery to be replaced each week.



Remote control operated lights



Option C - Long life time LED bulb

An electrically wired system that uses light-emitting diodes to produce light, meaning it has a typical life expectancy of 50,000 hours

Maintenance

Even less maintenance is required as the bulbs only need to be changed every 13 years

Advantages

Very little maintenance and more environmentally friendly, also much less cleaning is required. The LED bulb are also dimmable to try and recreate the warm glow of a candle.

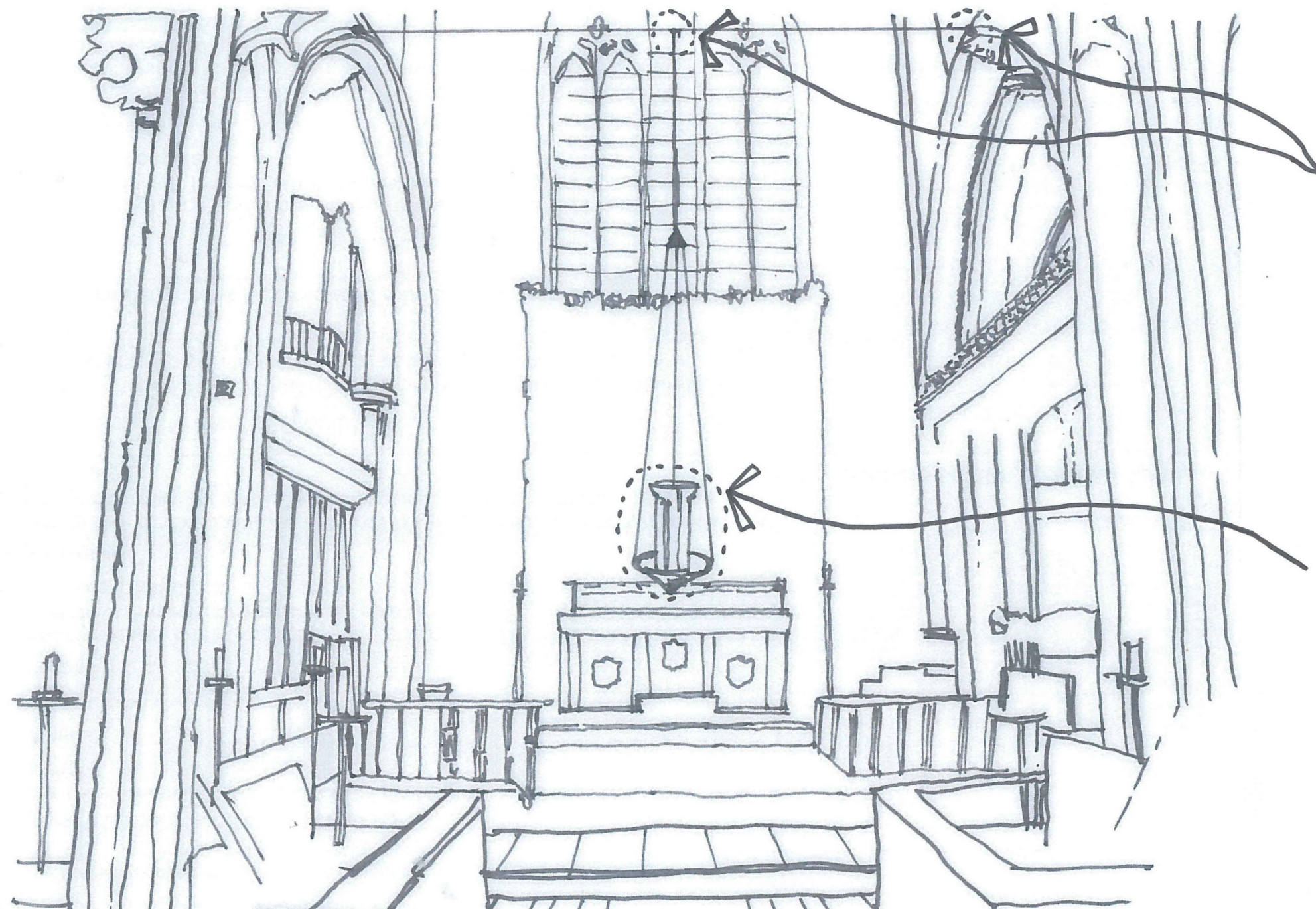
Disadvantages

Extra wiring required to follow the cables holding the lamp.



Long life time LED bulb



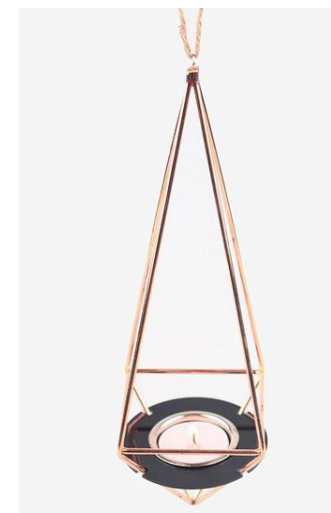


Support systems

- If option A or B are chosen suspension cables will be attached to the candle holder which will be held by discrete brackets, meaning the lamp will “float”.
- If option C of an LED bulb is chosen, an additional live feed wire will be required. Tension wire cables will stretch between the columns.

Setting out

- Sanctuary lamp to be central to altar.
- Sanctuary lamp to be approximately two metres from finished floor level – exact level determined by in-situ trial.
- Sanctuary lamp to be central to balustrade.



Precedents



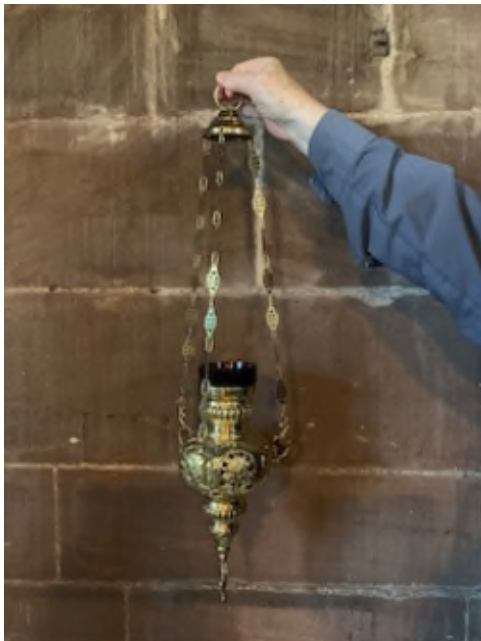
Option A Real candles visual



Option B Remote control operated lights

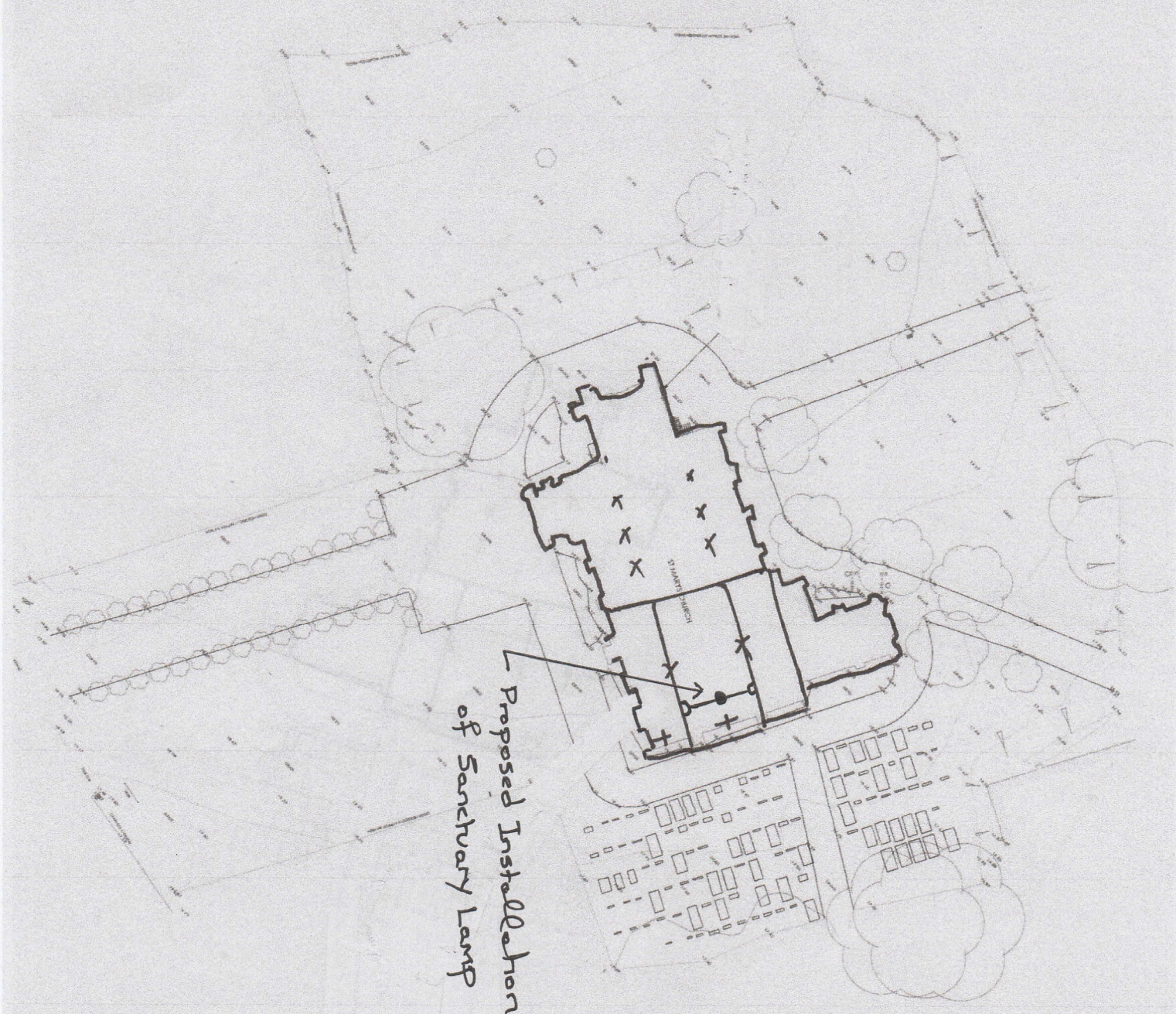


Remote control operated light with lamp, which has been purchased





Remote control operated light with lamp, which has been purchased





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Mr John Richards
Churchwarden,
St Mary's Church,
Eccleston
10th April 2022.

Thank you again for your enquiry, this is what was discussed during my visit:-

1. To supply and install a support system as per drawing from Donald Insall associates. A centenary wire will be installed across the location detailed, from above each archway at the front of the church.
2. A brass lighting chain, will be suspended off the centenary cable, to attach to the battery sanctuary lamp, supplied by you, central to the balustrade, at a height of 2m off the floor.
3. I propose to supply and install a brass carabiner, so that the lamp can be removed for cleaning and to replace the batteries.
4. To replace the lamp in the light on right hand side of archway, price based that the light will be in full working order once lamp replaced.
5. Due to the height requirement of the centenary wire, a scaffold will need to be put in place, with wood sheets fitted to protect the floor

The cost of carrying out all the above work including parts and labour is:-

Net Price - £2348
Vat@20%-£469.60
Total price - £2817.60

Quote valid for 30 days
Regards

Simon Jones (Simon jones electrical)



Eccleston St Mary - Correspondence with parish and others

Attachments are listed according to the numbering on the supporting documents list

- [Attachments in blue are included within the proposals section](#)
- *Attachments in black italics are superseded and not included within the application*

Date	Message
10/06/2021 To: Jo Williams From: Helen Alison	<p>My late Father, Peter Jackson, was Eccleston and Pulford Church Treasurer, a Choir member and member of the PCC all for many years. When he died in January 2015, we had discussed a suitable memorial in his name-a Sanctuary Lamp.</p> <p>Eccleston had no Rector at the time, so I waited until Roger Clarke was appointed in December, 2015 before seeing if he was in agreement which he was.</p> <p>Five and a half years down the line, admittedly with a pandemic into the mix, there has been little action.</p> <p>The collection from my father's funeral was given to the Church on January 28, 2015, the day of the funeral. The Rector bought the Lamp around three years ago as it has to be in keeping with the Church furniture. I have seen an emailed photograph of the lamp.</p> <p>The architects have sent drawings and choices as to the suspension of the lamp and I have emailed my choices to the Rector obviously mindful of changing bulbs, cleaning etc and I have sent a couple of recent emails to ask for an update but have received no reply. Several of my past emails have also gone unanswered.</p> <p>I am now at a loss as to how to proceed and find the whole affair rather disrespectful.</p>
25/05/2022 To: Leslie Hocking, John Richards From: Katy Purvis	<p>We have now heard back from the DAC lighting advisor, architect and clergy review regarding the sanctuary lamp as follows</p> <p>The architect commented</p> <p><i>Concerns over the lamp hanging from horizontal support, the wire will sag eventually, can it be hung vertically instead? Which actual lamp is preferred (A or B are both acceptable) Do the parish process? Risk of having to stoop to avoid lamp at this height</i></p> <p>The clergy member commented</p> <p><i>No problem with the chosen design of sanctuary lamp, nor the principle of having one in that building. My only concern was the height of the sanctuary lamp: is 2 metres not headbutting height?! Even half a metre higher would make a difference. I have seen them low but I'm struggling to remember if I have seen them at head height</i></p>

	<p>The lighting advisor commented</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>I agree that the mounting height is too low, I would say that most I have seen are at around 2.5m - 3.0m.</i> 2. <i>I understand the need to have a 'brass carabiner' to facilitate taking the lamp down for maintenance etc. but some thought should be given to the look of this - in my opinion it needs to be tastefully done so as not to detract from the lamp itself. If the unit is to be installed a 2.5 - 3.0m mounting height, a rod with a hook may be needed to assist in detaching it from the connection mechanism without needing steps - to replace the battery etc,</i> 3. <i>Likewise the catenary wire needs to be taught and not allowed to bow with the weight of the lamp - is there a reason why the lamp catenary wire cannot be installed direct to the ceiling or suitable joist etc? There is scaffolding required anyway so why not?</i> 4. <i>My preferred option would be a mains fed lamp as lot of the imported LED fittings / lamps are generally of poor quality. Has the candle unit been tested in the Sanctuary Lamp to check the light can be seen?</i> 5. <i>The contractors cost seems very high given that there is no wiring involved?</i> <p><i>Apart from the above it all looks okay and a really nice way to remember the obviously very active and well thought of parishioner.</i></p> <p>Please could you respond?</p>
<p>26/05/2022</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Leslie Hocking</p>	<p>Please find my response to the comments from the consultation group in RED.</p> <p>I trust this satisfactory with several in the group making the same point but without knowledge of our Church. I must emphasise that we have followed the professional advice of our Parish Architect - Mr Tony Barton who knows the Church well.</p> <p>The architect commented:</p> <p>Concerns over the lamp hanging from horizontal support, the wire will sag eventually, can it be hung vertically instead? Which actual lamp is preferred (A or B are both acceptable) Do the parish process? Risk of having to stoop to avoid lamp at this height</p> <p><i>We took professional advice with the Options Appraisal prepared by Donald Insall Associates and believe the recommended support system to be less obtrusive with the lamp weighing 750 grams. The lowest part of the lamp at 2 meters (Domestic Door Height of 6ft 8inches) could be raised to approximately 2.4 meters (approximately 8ft high) on installation when the LED unit will be chosen so that the light can be clearly seen. The Parish does process with a cross but this stops at the Choir Stalls and therefore does not pass beneath the lamp.</i></p> <p>The clergy member commented:</p>

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	<p><i>Option C was discounted in favour of the lamp appearing to "float" The brass sanctuary lamp was purchased by our previous rector in 2017. Remote control operated LED candles can be purchased in various lengths from 5cm, 7.5cm, 10cm, 12cm, 18cm, and 23cm and 5cm diameter. Therefore when the lamp is installed at the appropriate height the correct LED unit will be chosen so that the light can be clearly seen.</i></p> <p>5. The contractors cost seems very high given that there is no wiring involved? Apart from the above it all looks okay and a really nice way to remember the obviously very active and well thought of parishioner.</p> <p><i>Accepted</i></p>
<p>06/06/2022</p> <p>To: Leslie Hocking From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 27 May 2022 the DAC considered the formal application for the introduction of the sanctuary lamp and wished to offer the following informal advice</p> <p>The Committee was broadly supportive of the proposal</p> <p>a. The parish should provide a Statement of Need explaining how the lamp will enhance worship in the church, for example</p> <p>Please let me know if I can help at all, I will revert the application back to you, so that you can edit the statement of needs to explain the desire for the lamp, aside from the memorial aspect</p>
<p>18/06/2022</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Leslie Hocking</p>	<p>Following your email of 6th June 2022 and our telephone conversation, I have updated the Statement of Needs Section 4 - Why do you need it and why do you need it now? with the following words:</p> <p><i>The Sanctuary Lamp has been supported by the last two Rectors, Revd Ian Thomas fully supported the discussions before his retirement in December 2014. During the interregnum the champion of the ideal passed away in March 2015, Peter Jackson was a previous PCC Treasurer and long standing member of the choir. The sanctuary lamp being a symbol to remind us of Jesus' Presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.</i></p> <p><i>Following the appointment of Revd Roger Clarke to the Parish in December 2015, he thought it was a wonderful ideal and pursued the Options Appraisal with the Parish Architect, this was discussed with the PCC and congregation and the Lamp purchased by the Rector in 2017 the faculty for installation was not pursued until now, possibly because of the traumatic situation of Revd Roger Clarke's case.</i></p> <p><i>St Mary's Church, Eccleston is one of the few churches open all day and every day to allow people a quiet place of contemplation and sanctuary, also the body of the church believe the installation of the sanctuary lamp will enhance our worship as the light shines, also parishioners may request special prayer intentions be added to the light of the candle.</i></p>

	I trust the submission was successful, please advise if further information is required for the DAC meeting on 24th June 2022.
01/07/2022 To: Leslie Hocking From: Caroline Hilton	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 24 June 2022 the DAC considered your response to its previous advice regarding the proposed installation of a sanctuary lamp, and it resolved to recommend the scheme.</p> <p>This means I can raise the Notification of Advice which will allow you to proceed with the public notice period. I will send you an email letting you know once I have carried this out and with instructions of what to do next to progress the faculty application.</p>

The Parish of Eccleston and Pulford

Standing Committee Meeting Tuesday 12th April 2022

Agenda Item :

Installation of a Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Peter Jackson

This Standing Committee notes with approval the Architect Options Appraisal Document REV A 23.09.20 and the purchased Sanctuary Lamp with Remote control operated LED candle which is battery powered.

The Standing Committee fully supports a faculty application for the installation of the Sanctuary Lamp.

Proposed LES HOCKING

Seconded NAYLAND SOUTHORN

In favour: 5

Against: 0

Abstentions: 3 [vacancy currently]

Number present: 5

Full Standing Committee membership number: 8

Chair J. J. Richards

PCC Secretary

Date: 12 April 2022