

# Supporting Documentation

## Great Budworth All Saints – Cremated remains area

### Note to parish

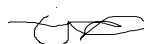
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Caroline Hilton, DAC Secretary



16 February 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**

The designation/creation of a new area for the interment of Cremated Remains in the Lower Churchyard.

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

## **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE – ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH GREAT BUDWORTH July, 2019.**

St Mary and All Saints Church is one of the best examples of Perpendicular architecture in Cheshire and, according to Jenkins, compares favourably with the perpendicular churches of East Anglia. The church stands at the top of a gently sloping hill on the Cheshire plain and dominates the picturesque village of Great Budworth and the surrounding countryside. It is especially prominent from the south.

Early references to the church are found in 12<sup>th</sup> century documents (and a priest is mentioned in the Domesday survey of the village) but the building that survives is largely of the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. Patronage of the church was in the hands of the Augustinian Canons of Norton Priory until the dissolution of the monasteries in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when it passed to Christ Church College, Oxford, who remain the patrons to this day.

The west tower is tall and strong, the outline embattled, and the east end is well balanced with flanking chapels. The interior is beautifully composed, the pinkness of the stone brought beautifully to life by the light which streams in through south and west windows of, mostly, plain glass. Medieval stalls and benches, effigies of local gentry, excellent sandstone carving, fragments of a former decorated church with reticulated windows, good glass by Kempe in the Chancel, and many other features, including pre-Reformation altar and font, go towards making the church an especially beautiful, restful and harmonious building which is greatly appreciated by the many visitors who come to the church and village each year. The church is Grade 1 listed and is open to visitors every day of the year.

After a substantial programme of restoration in the 1980s and 1990s, lasting some 16 years and comprising 10 phases, and some further work to the fabric in the first years of the new century, the building is in very good condition. In the second part of the first decade of the new century a further programme of work saw the complete restoration of the church's historic 1839 Samuel Renn pipe organ, the replacement of oak louvres in the tower and the reordering of the west end to provide kitchen and toilet facilities.

Since the creation of the Friends of Great Budworth Church in 2003, a number of smaller and more aesthetic projects have been identified, with the intention of enhancing the church's facilities and beautifying the interior of the church. A new noticeboard and shelving unit was commissioned and paid for by the Friends and the chancel ceiling has been repaired and redecorated, with improvements to the lighting in the chancel area. The replacement of a very unsightly barrier between the north aisle and the area around the organ with a purpose made oak screen, together with an existing oak screen, and the provision of new cushions for all the pews and seats in the church are among the latest projects to be completed by the Friends of the Church, both of which were wholeheartedly supported (and appreciated!) by the Parochial Church Council and members of the congregation, as well as visitors to the church for occasional services, school services and concerts.

Following the 2014 QIR a number of projects were identified, and have been addressed, including areas of re-pointing at high (including the Tower) and low levels (especially on the south side of the church), the re-laying of some of the churchyard paths and the installation of a new handrail in the Tower staircase. In 2018 the heating system was replaced, with three new Remeha boilers being installed.

References: Simon Jenkins “England’s Thousand Best Churches” Penguin Books 2000  
Raymond Richards “Old Cheshire Churches” E.J. Morten 1973

### **Statement of Need – January, 2022.**

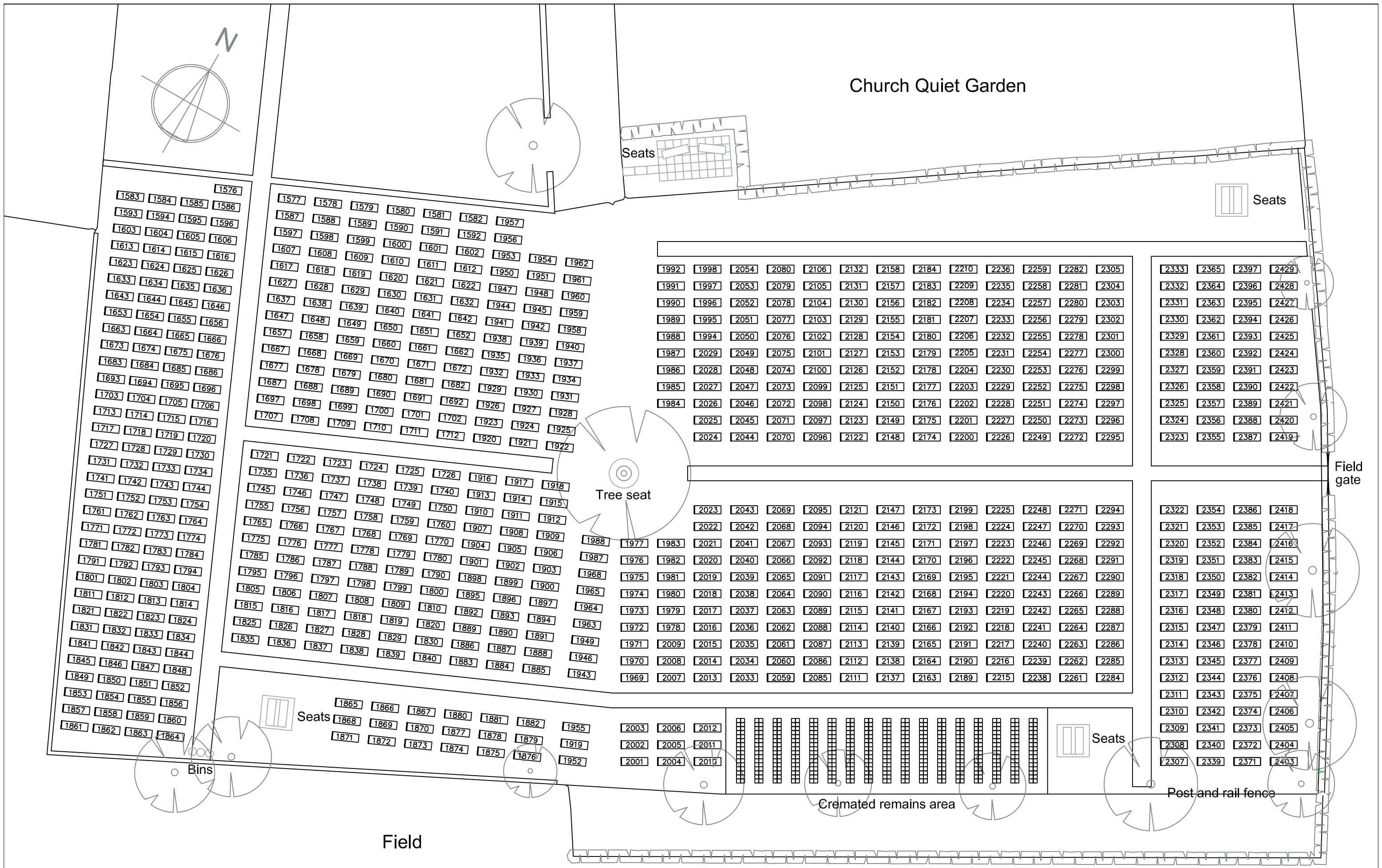
The area designated for the interment of Cremated Remains in the early 1970s lies immediately to the south of the Church, and is part of the medieval burial area surrounding the Church. In the 1960s there was a very large Churchyard re-ordering scheme, and a great deal of rubble from damaged headstones and piers was buried beneath the surface of the area, or used for the new paths throughout the Churchyard. It has over the years become increasingly difficult to dig plots to the depth required for the interment of, usually, two small wooden caskets, and the Cremated Remains area is therefore only viable for a few more interments. Following discussions within the Churchyard Committee and the PCC, it was decided that a new area for the interment of Cremated Remains was needed, and that this needed to be in the new, lower part of the Churchyard, where no previous burials have taken place.

The existing Cremated Remains area occupies a rectangle of ground on the south side of the Church, and it is considered that this is the appropriate time to create the new area in the lower Churchyard, given the present difficulties of the re-used ground in the upper Churchyard.

A plan of the lower Churchyard was drawn in 2015 and this included the new Cremated Remains area – since that time a decision has been made to alter the position of the Cremated Remains area from the north to the south side, where the ground is flatter and there are no access issues with regard to the annual cutting of the hedge between the Church Quiet Garden and the lower Churchyard. This plan is in the process of being changed, but there is some difficulty with this as the original plan was made on an architectural computer programme (autocad) which can no longer be read as the architect involved has retired and no longer has access to autocad. The DAC office has amended the out of date plan in the meantime to remove the cremated remains area on the north side and, on the south side of the Churchyard, insert the proposed cremated remains area comprising the space occupied on the plan by 3 rows of graves (2030 – 2212 and the two rows immediately to the north of this row), between the path and the post and rail fence, and finishing at the seats. A new professional drawing will be provided as soon as possible.

The Revd Alec Brown  
January, 2022.





Church Quiet Garden

Seats

Seats

Tree seat

Field gate

Seats

Seats

Cremated remains area

Post and rail fence

Field

St. Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth - Lower Graveyard Site Plan - January 2022 - Not to scale

Great Budworth All Saints – Cremated remains area - Correspondence with parish and others

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

Date	Message
<p><b>25/11/2019</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I've had a further dig, and we don't have any paperwork relating to a faculty issued for extending the cremated remains area at St Marys.</p> <p>However, the 2018 List B applications for the heating and clock went through several iterations of faculty/list B on the online faculty system and there is a mention of a related proposal within that paperwork.</p> <p>The first List B application in June 2017 was for heating, clock, noticeboard and to "Designate an area for Cremated Remains in Marston Churchyard" (not St Mary's). This List B application was abandoned and replaced by a faculty application covering just the heating and clock, which the DAC then advised could be List B after all.</p> <p>That doesn't help you much, but it may be why you remember applying</p>
<p><b>26/11/2019</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks very much for the information. We had a very good and positive PCC Meeting yesterday evening, and resolved a number of issues:</p> <p>1. <del>we agreed on the subject for the glass engraving in the Lady Chapel, and once we've had some feedback from the DAC we'll be arranging a meeting in church with Tracey Sheppard (the engraver we hope to use for the project) to take this forward - the subject is to be "Women of faith" and there will be four women "represented" in the four sections of the screen, two on each side of the central section which will feature the Virgin Mary - from left to right the four will be - Ruth, Mary Magdalene, Hilda of Whitby and Evengeline Booth (the first female General of the Salvation Army). There was unanimous agreement with this proposal, and we all agreed the four would represent a tremendous sweep of salvation history, from the 5th Century BC to the 20th Century AD, and be a powerful statement for the part played by women in our history, from ancient to modern times. Needless to say we are all very excited at meeting with Tracey in the near future to take this forward!</del></p> <p>2. We passed unanimous resolutions for faculty applications for a) the re-ordering/re-furnishing of the Lady Chapel and b) the designation of an area in the Lower Churchyard of St Mary and All Saints Church, Great Budworth for the interment of Cremated Remains.</p> <p>With regard to your e-mail of 10th September, I assume that you've received the full set of drawings including elevations from Graham? With regard to the ramp design, we are following guidance from Graham in terms of size and so on in light of the fact that at some stage in the future we may want to go ahead with the porch as previously</p>

	<p>proposed – but not at this stage. I have asked our church historian about any significance attaching to the pew to be converted into the storage facility, and he has replied to the effect that he thinks the pews were placed as part of a re-ordering of the Chancel in 1857 by Anthony Salvin, though he has not seen anything in writing about this. He notes that the pews are of a different style from those of the nave, which was re-ordered in 1868, and are of a simpler style than the more decorated Choir stalls – also of the 1857 re-ordering and which will not be affected by the creation of the storage facility. I conclude from his observations that there is nothing of any special significance relating to the pew in question.</p> <p>I hope this is helpful and enables us to go forward with the application, and I look forward to hearing from you in this respect - do I need to submit the application now, or at least before the 4th December?</p>
<p><b>28/11/2019</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>This is good news, thank you for the clarification over the pews and porch.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I've added the extra drawings, this email, DAC advice to the faculty application for the ramp, screen and storage and sent it for review before the December meeting. The screen theme is very exciting.</li> <li>2. Please can you confirm you would like me to add the cremated remains and Lady chapel to the December agenda, in anticipation of us receiving details before the 4 December?</li> </ol>
<p><b>28/11/2019</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks Katy, and yes please, and I'll do my best to get some details to you before the 4th - probably just a plan and some photos for the C/Remains area and I'm not sure about the Lady Chapel though will be seeing Graham this afternoon and am hoping to get the name and contact details for the interior designer in Great Barrow. That application may well have to wait till the new year.</p>
<p><b>02/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p> <p><b>With attachments</b></p>	<p>I've sent through some photos but had to do them in batches as the size exceeded my phone's capacity!</p> <p>For clarification they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 of the lower Churchyard, where the new Cremated Remains area will be situated</li> <li>3 of the chancel steps</li> <li>1 of the proposed storage area on the south side of the choir/chancel</li> <li>1 of the choir with the more decorated stalls/pews</li> <li>3 of the north door entrance ramp area, and the top of the north aisle, where some pews will be removed to accommodate the ramp.</li> </ul>



	<p>I hope they're reasonably clear - if you've actually received them that is! Perhaps you could let me know?</p> <p><i>Photos showing previously proposed cremated remains area</i></p>
<p><b>02/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>Thanks for these, I confirm we've now received all 10 photos, 8 interior and 2 of the cremated remains area</p>
<p><b>03/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks for your message - just back from Chapter Meeting and a visit.</p> <p>I thought I had a copy to forward to you, of the plan for the Cremated Remains Area, but haven't - I do have a paper copy which I'll bring to Church House on Thursday morning - I'm seeing the Archdeacon at 9.30am. Fine for the Lady Chapel re-ordering to be moved to January.</p>
<p><b>05/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p> <p><b>With attachment</b></p>	<p>The plan came through yesterday - attached herewith.</p> <p><i>Superseded plan</i></p>
<p><b>05/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>Thanks for the plan, can you confirm I've identified the correct area?</p> <p>Please can you confirm what the plans are for the new paths and benches as well?</p>
<p><b>05/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks - the number I gave you this morning should have been 264 plots.</p> <p>PS It may well make sense to do the path immediately to the south of the newly proposed C/Remains area at the same time as we bring the new area into use, whenever that might be.</p>
<p><b>06/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>If the path is to be included, we need details of what it will be made of and whether it would extend back to the entrance (as it doesn't on the plan). I think it would make sense to include the path really</p>
<p><b>06/12/2019</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks Katy, and good to see you yesterday. I think we'd just keep the path as per the plan, and of course it will link eventually with the other paths planned for that part of the Lower Churchyard, as per the plan. I think the paths will be brick, as per the existing - photos to be sent asap - and I should think we'll be able to get donors for this, as we did for the existing brick paths.</p> <p>I'll also send you some photos of the existing paths and seats, as well as the Church Quiet Garden and small car parking area, immediately to the north of the Lower Churchyard - people will be able to drive down to it and park - admittedly only one or two cars at a time, though there is also the small school car park just up that lane.</p>
<p><b>02/01/2021</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p><b>DAC Advice</b></p> <p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 16 December 2019, the DAC Committee considered the proposals for the Ramp, handrail,</p>

	<p>storage and screen project and cremated remains area and wishes to offer the following informal advice:</p> <p><b>Ramp, handrail, storage and screen</b></p> <p>-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <del>The Committee was content with the proposed ramp</del></li> <li>b. <del>It asked that the parish explore the option of fixing the handrail to the floor rather than to the choir stall fabric</del></li> <li>c. <del>It awaited the design for the glazed screen manifestation</del></li> </ul> <p><b>Cremated remains area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. It was supportive of the proposals in principle, and awaited details of the memorial plaques for that area</li> </ul>
<p><b>08/07/2021</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>I'm hoping to finalise our application for a new Cremated Remains Area in the Lower Churchyard - just having problems with the computer programme (autocad) with which the plan was produced and for which we no longer have an operator, and we need to change the plan as we want to put the C/R Area to the south side of the Churchyard rather than the north side! If it sounds complicated - it is! When is the next DAC meeting by the way?</p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p> <p><b>With attachments</b></p>	<p>I have no confidence in my ability to have completed the application correctly, so am sending the various documents to you - please could you attach them to the application - thanks!</p> <p>The Statement of Significance is from 2019 (but doesn't need changing I don't think, though it could be changed easily) and I have done a new Statement of Need for this application, at the end of the document. Hope that's okay?</p> <p><i>Original graveyard plan</i> <i>Statement of Significance and Need (describing changes to proposals not illustrated by plan)</i> PCC minute</p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p> <p><b>With attachments</b></p>	<p>Thought these might also be useful - taken by a very helpful photographer with a drone after a wedding last year!</p> <p><a href="#">3) Aerial photos</a></p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p> <p><b>With attachment</b></p>	<p>That is very helpful. Have I understood the proposed area properly, I wasn't sure if 2030 was correct, or it should have been 2003? I've marked it with a red rectangle</p> <p><i>Original plan marked up with expected area</i></p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks - and that's very helpful! No - it's just those 3 rows of 8 spaces each, south of the path and up to the post and rail fence, and starting with 2030, which is the most southerly grave. The new area will probably go right up to the seats, as in the case of the northern area on the plan. I'm not sure exactly how many plots there will be eventually, or</p>

	<p>the exact layout of the plots at this moment in time - we are investigating other Churchyards/burial areas for the best lay out.</p> <p>Please can you send me a copy of the plan once you've done the new red rectangle - so helpful!</p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thinking back, I did speak with Graham Holland about the plan for the lower Churchyard, including the C/Remains area, and he pointed me in the direction of someone who could possibly help with the lay out of the area, including the paths and so on,, so could you amend my answer please to that particular question - thanks.</p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p> <p><b>With attachment</b></p>	<p>Hi Alec, is this what you mean?</p> <p><i>Temporary plan marked up with expected area</i></p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks, and I think that is exactly what I mean - well done - not sure how you're able to change a pdf.....but that just shows my ignorance!</p> <p>Have you just removed those grave numbers from the overall plan, or been able to adjust all the other numbers accordingly? That's what I'm waiting for from the person to whom we've sent the drawing as he can apparently read and change autocad - it's all very complicated! I'll check the grave numbers and get back to you asap with confirmation that that is what we are intending.</p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I didn't attempt to change the grave numbers! This is just a botch for the DAC, I just turned the pdf into an image and drew on top of it. It's very unsophisticated but better than nothing for now, the DAC don't need the grave numbers to be right. If I had a proper drawing package I'd do it for you, but it would take ages and be messy using the method I've just used.</p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Thanks very much Katy - we are going to change the bit at the top as well, to give more room in the corner for the tractor and hedge cutter to turn, but that's what the chap I mentioned is supposed to be doing now - I'll chase him up about this. The architect who originally did the drawing was just filling up all the space in the lower Churchyard, and wasn't thinking about tractors and hedges!</p> <p>If your revised drawing is okay for the DAC then that's great and I look forward to hearing from you after the meeting towards the end of the month.</p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p> <p><b>With attachment</b></p>	<p>I've amended your SoS to explain the temporary plan, is that OK?</p> <p><b>2) Amended Statement of Significance and Need</b></p>
<p><b>07/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>Thanks Katy - that's great.</p>

From: Alec Brown	
<p><b>13/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>I've just been putting together the meeting pack for next week and realised that the previous DAC advice from Jan 2020 asked for details of the memorial markers for the cremated remains area. Have you any details of what you propose for this? I don't know if the PCC have considered not marking plots individually or having a single memorial, or book of remembrance instead? This may not be appropriate for your parish, as you have a large churchyard, but it can be easier to manage, especially in terms of extra items left in the churchyard? Chapters 4 &amp; 7 in the Churchyard handbook (in my 4<sup>th</sup> edition) are quite helpful on this.</p> <p>We will still need the updated drawing for the meeting if you can get it, it would be better than my temporary version</p>
<p><b>14/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>The Sexton, Churchwarden and I are visiting Rostherne Parish Church early next week, to look at their Cremated Remains area, on the recommendation of our local memorial mason who does most of our work here, and I'll get back to you asap thereafter - I think we're probably going to go with the rows as outlined in the diagram, back to back, 12 x 12 and arranged north/south. It can be a bit untidy and unwieldy at times, with vases and flowers, but in the fullness of time, when there is no-one else but us maintaining the area, it's quite uniform and straightforward, and we've got plenty of space. Kevin (the mason) has suggested we think about upright stones, but I'm not keen and would prefer to keep things on the level. I will have a look though at the Churchyard Handbook, and will try and chase up the chap doing the drawing, but am not optimistic about that I'm afraid. If you've got any other local Churchyards you know of that you think we should have a look at please let me know.</p> <p>January, 2020 you say - I'm sure I remember that time - before the Pandemic and lockdown!</p>
<p><b>14/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>Hi Katy - one updated drawing! We haven't been able to rejig the grave plot numbers as yet but I don't think that should have any bearing on the creation of the new C/Remains area - and the space at the top of the Churchyard has been left deliberately clear for tractor/hedge trimmer access (the hedge is very large!).</p> <p>In terms of the actual C/Remains plots - I think we'll be going for back to back 12 x 12" horizontal stones, with just under 1 metre between the rows - with vases and so on this might not be especially practical or appropriate but that's my current thinking. I'll get back to you once I've digested those chapters from the Handbook and done the visit to Rostherne Churchyard.</p> <p><a href="#">4) Plan of churchyard dated January 2022</a></p>
<p><b>17/01/2022</b></p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown</p>	<p>For our application, I'd prefer to stick with horizontal stones, 12" x 12", back to back and with a walkway between the rows, as per the plan, and possibly with space for a vase for each stone, though we could set limits/restrictions on the type of vase. Until we've had a proper survey of the area, with measurements, I'm not sure just how many rows we'll</p>

	be able to fit into that area, but it will just be that area indicated on the plan, however many we end up with - I hope that's okay?
<b>17/01/2022</b> To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown	Hi Katy - as promised, a photo of the above (the board is Philip's "template" for the stone and plot - very practical!).  <i>Photograph showing cremated remains area at Rostherne St Mary</i>
<b>26/01/2022</b> To: Alec Brown From: Katy Purvis	I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 21 January 2022, the DAC considered the formal application for the new cremated remains area, and resolved to recommend the proposals. This means that Caroline will now be able to raise the Notification of Advice, which will allow you to generate the public notice
<b>27/01/2022</b> To: Katy Purvis From: Alec Brown	Thanks very much for this good news, and thanks for all your help in the process - it has been a long time in the making! I will look out for the Notification of Advice - will that appear online only? I am hoping that a contractor will soon be able to make a start on marking out the paths and doing proper measurements for the rows and so on - at the moment it's just a field of grass!

## PARISH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS GREAT BUDWORTH

### Parochial Church Council Meeting - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Due to the current COVID 19 lockdown and guidance the meeting was held via Zoom**

**Present:** Viscount Ashbrook, The Revd Alec Brown (Chairman), Margaret Cross (Churchwarden), Robert Cross, Dave Davenport, Karen Hammond Bev Harding (Secretary), Pat Hart, David Hodson, The Revd Dr Jenny McKay, Janet Rees, Geoff Ridgway, Pauline Ridgway (Church Warden), The Revd Christina Westwell.

**Prayers & Welcome** - The meeting was opened with prayers.

**Apologies:** Maggie Earl, Clive Harding.

- **Minutes from last P.C.C. meeting on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021**
  - Proposed Pat Hart, Seconded David Hodson – Approved
- **Matters Arising**
  - Not been able to discuss the Choir and the future in any detail as yet but hoping to pick this up again at Easter.
- **Approval of Accounts year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**
  - Deficit of just over £16,900 but we are in a similar position to many other Churches and in a much better situation than some.
  - Outlined the areas where income was much lower
  - It was agreed that we would transfer £10,000 from the investment fund into the bank account.
  - Investment fund has fared possibly better than we would have expected
  - Parish share will increase again from April 2021.
  - Understandably the Vicar is having a number of conversations across the diocese with regards to the state of finances and will be a key discussion point at synod this Saturday.
  - Thanked Margaret for a very clear report and for all her work putting together the accounts in what has been a very difficult year.
  - Margaret as acting treasurer then formally proposed we adopt and approve the accounts:-

**Proposed :Geoff Ridgeway Seconded: Karen Hammond and unanimously approved**

- We discussed the need to promote the just giving site.
  - These will now go to independent examiner for formal sign off in time for the annual meeting.
- **Reports**
  - The Vicar:**
    - Resumption of public worship – the ministry team met a couple of weeks ago and agreed it would be lovely to restart public worship on Easter Day with

both an 8am and 10.30 am service. Proposing that the same guidance as previously is adopted, with regards to booking, social distancing etc. This is likely to remain then until 21<sup>st</sup> June when the national lockdown is due to end, however unclear at this point what national guidance from Church will be from 21<sup>st</sup> June.

- On line services will also remain.
- For the time being Arley Chapel won't be re-opening until June at the earliest.
- Maximum numbers will be 64 and details of proposals will be in all the regular media channels.
- We also need to think about when we can start church teas, national guidance so far would suggest towards the end of May could be a possibility. We will need to consider whether we have some form of summer fair later in the year.
- High Sheriff of Cheshire – we should have had a service in April at the start of his year in office which is a real shame. We have discussed a service in church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at the end of his year and he could give out his awards in some form. Suggest it would be by invitation only and obviously only 64 in terms of guidelines. PCC all agreed happy to agree this.

**Associate Minister:**

- We continue to manage the virtual world with posts on the Great Budworth Facebook page each day. Each Sunday there is an online service which is posted onto Facebook and YouTube involving the ministry team with readers from the Parish. There have been special services for Candlemas, one on Old Age, St Valentine's, Lent, St David, Ash Wednesday and Mothering Sunday.
- The Facebook page has 339 followers and over 100 viewers will have watched most services after the recording.
- We have also led Compline on a Thursday Evening.
- Reflective booklets for Lent and packs for Ash Wednesday have been delivered.
- Christina has prepared on-line assemblies for school and also videos for RE lessons.
- We continue to write for the weekly sheet and Parish Magazine. Pastoral work continues via telephone contact.
- If there is anything you would like to discuss, then please contact us.

**Curate:**

- In addition to the joint activities mentioned above, Jenny continues to build her Reverend Vet presence as part of her virtual outreach to Christians and non-Christians, with daily videos, blogs and reflections.
- Leads the fourth service per month for Wallasey Unleashed Virtual Church based at St. Mary's Liscard.
- Recent interview on local radio and The Rev Vet Facebook page currently has 585 followers.

**Treasurer:**

- First quarter will be very low again. Letter went into the parish magazine for March which has resulted in some donations.
- We are in discussions with someone who may take on the role of treasurer

**Social Committee:**

- Not had a meeting as of yet.

**Churchyard Committee:**

- CPS/ Purple futures haven't started back yet but hoping they will do so shortly
- The Churchyard is looking lovely with all the wild flowers.
- We are now coming to the end of the current spaces for cremated remains so we now need a faculty application for a new site. The Vicar outlined where it would be.
- Proposal for a Creation of a new Cremated Remains area in the Lower Churchyard

**Proposed: Margaret Cross      Seconded: Janet Rees**

- Recorded our thanks to the various people who have been looking after the quiet garden and the various areas of the church yard throughout lockdown. It has been very much appreciated

**Restoration Committee:**

- Report from meeting – have now had the approval for the various pieces of list A work that have been discussed in the previous meetings.
- All the quinquennial works from list B have been approved with the exception of drainage that will need a faculty application and planning permission.
- Had a discussion about the PCC finances in the restoration committee and fundraising in general.
- Advised the reasons for delaying the PCC financial situation were to not detract from the restoration fund raising and the online auction. It has been suggested that we may need to look more holistically at overall fund raising for the Church as a whole rather than separate entities – we are getting legal advice over any restricted fund raising activities but initially it looks like there is nothing that would prevent the committee undertaking more broader fund raising activity.
- Overall we think this is a very good idea that should be considered/ taken forward so we can maximise the monies raised to the very best effect for the mission of the church as a whole.

**Fabric Committee:**

- All covered above – no separate meeting held.
- Retrospective faculty application has been submitted re the stonework.

**Friends of Great Budworth:**

- Funds have been allocated to various projects
- Awaiting ongoing guidance before arranging any events

**AOB**

- Currently recruiting for a New Headteacher for the two schools (now a federation) – asked to keep everyone in our prayers for a successful outcome



- Christ Church Latchford – currently has a vacancy and looking at a possible united benefice for the two churches in Latchford. Each parish is being asked to give a pledge of support both financially and non financially. Discussed whether we could do this as part of our charitable giving. Overall the PCC felt that we were very willing to offer non financial support but we would like more information before committing any financial support especially given our own current financial deficit.
- **Dates of Next Meetings:-** Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 7.30pm via zoom

**The meeting ended with The Grace**