



Living Stones Project

FIT FOR THE FATHER, FIT FOR THE FUTURE

Developing our building to enable us to more effectively be God's transforming presence at the heart of our community.

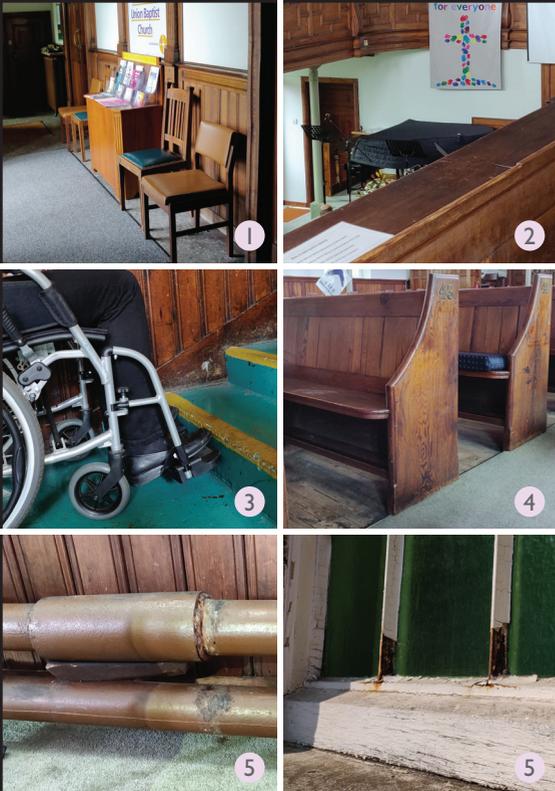


WHAT IS OUR VISION?

To provide a welcoming and flexible building that will serve Union Baptist Church and our town.

The project will:

- Create greater accessibility throughout the building and throughout the week
- Address urgent refurbishment needs
- Create usable space at ground and first floor levels
- Be a legacy for the next generation, equipping the church to fulfil our vision and calling



WHAT ARE THE CURRENT ISSUES?

- 1 Main entrance: The entrance has no visible sight-lines into the church from outside and is cramped.
- 2 Visibility of platform area: From the balcony side there is limited sight of the stage effectively losing over 100 seats.
- 3 Wheelchair access: There is no internal wheelchair access between the church and The HUB and none at gallery level.
- 4 The sloping floor: The sloping ground floor prevents flexible use of the space and the pews are hard.
- 5 Heating and windows: The heating is inefficient and unreliable, the windows are in need of overhaul or replacement.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS?

New Side entrance: A new open, bright, welcoming side entrance will offer an attractive community space.

Church entrance: A new glass wall and doors will offer greater visibility into the new worship space from outside giving the building a much more inviting feel.

New toilet: An accessible toilet will be installed at the back of the main worship space making the space inclusive for all.

Levelled floor and new heating: on the ground floor moveable chairs will be used on a levelled floor opening up this space for, e.g. youth gatherings, café style worship and

interactive learning experiences. The new underfloor heating will provide comfort for all.

Improved visibility and sound: a new glass balustrade on a cut-back gallery, fewer downstairs pillars and better quality screens will improve visibility allowing worshippers to clearly see all that is going on around them. Communication will be enhanced by a new sound system and combined audio-visual communications desk.

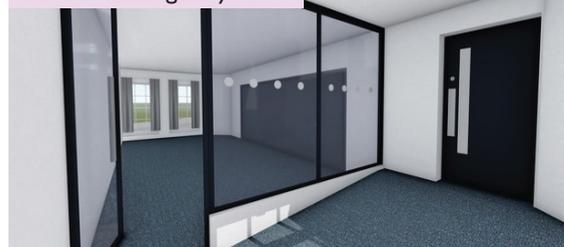
New room and storage: the gallery will link through to The HUB with a new attractive room with glass entrance and natural light. Additional much-needed storage areas will be created.

Stage space and baptistry: The stage will be enlarged giving more space for musicians, instruments and other activities helping to

Front entrance



New room at gallery level



improve the impact of the space. A modern baptistry will be installed.

Windows and decoration: refurbished or replaced windows, total redecoration of walls, ceiling and dark wood will brighten and lighten offering a much more attractive worship space.



New welcome entrance
and coffee space

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY?

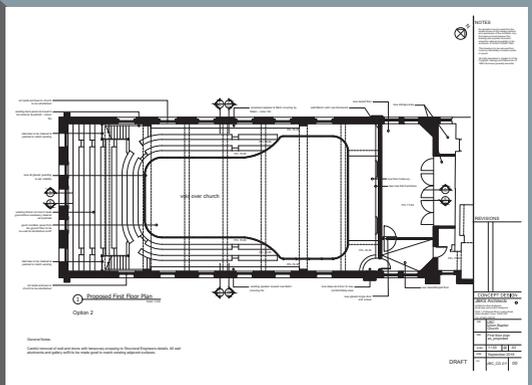
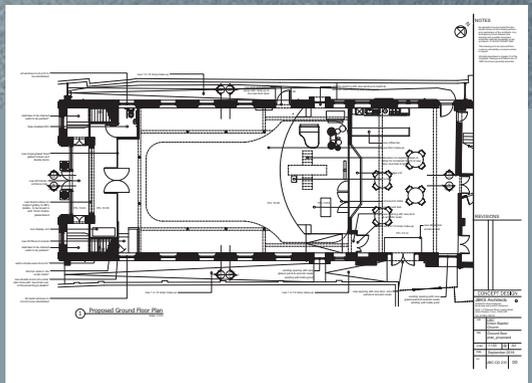
Enhance our ability to communicate and explain the gospel in all services, weddings and funerals.

Bring together our community in a safe, beautiful space for community groups and musical performances.

Make us more visible to the High Wycombe community allowing us to share the good news with more people by utilising the new welcome entrance and coffee space through projects such as Coffee Break, Open Chat and The Night Shelter.

Provide our fellowship with a bright, attractive, mingling area before and after services encouraging worshippers to deepen friendships and make it easier to invite others.

PLANS



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