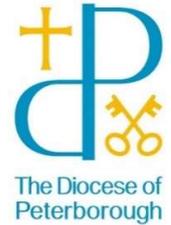


CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS STRETTON, Rutland (Grade II*)



Case Study
July 2022

SUMMARY OF WORKS: Repair of slate roofs, new internal floor & heating, remove pews, install servery and accessible WC, plus organ refurbishment and new chairs



The idea of creating a flexible space and community hub within the church building at Stretton originally dates to 2008/9. Extensive work, including consultation with the DAC and other bodies, resulted in approval of the scheme in 2014. Sadly, fundraising efforts were not as successful as hoped. A new committee formed in 2018 and the scheme was re-energised. A newly appointed architect adapted the existing plans and drawings and Faculty permission was renewed.

While much of the fabric was in good order, some roof slopes were found to be in poor condition, and most needed some attention. Water ingress had detached some ceiling plaster in the transepts. Roof repairs, new rainwater goods and a new soakaway formed the first phase of the revised project, with the internal works commencing afterwards.

The new internal floor and modifications to the south porch threshold has meant there is now level access into the building. The font has been relocated to the north aisle. A new heating system, using 17 clay-filled slender radiators, provides zoned heating.

The total project cost is c. £252,000, with significant grant support from a variety of trusts and funds, including £35,000 from Mick George and £100,000 from the FCC Communities Fund. Local fundraising and donations has made a huge difference, providing evidence to grant funders of a worthy and well-supported project. This is truly a church building for everyone to enjoy.

*Project completed in January 2022
Architect is Adrian Ringrose, Stimpson Walton Bond*



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