

## Heating System Flowchart

The aim of this project is to develop a heating system for our church building to provide an outcome which offers the best combination of comfort and environmental care.

Adrian Fox, Environmental Sustainability Officer for Cathedral and Church Building Department commented that: "It can seem a difficult task finding the right solution, but if you stay open minded, ask the difficult questions and let fact not feeling steer you, I'm sure you will reach the right conclusion."

Currently, heating is provided by a combination of gas fired boiler supplying hot water to radiators located throughout the church, and two separate storage heaters. Both systems are temperature controlled on a timed system. Only one of the storage heaters is currently operational, and the ability of the boiler and its controls to provide consistent heating when required is a challenge. When all systems are working, they have the ability to provide a comfortable environment - but not as often as desired.

### Basic Staring Facts

1. The regular worship pattern of our church building currently consists of a weekly Sunday Service and Tuesday morning Prayer Group
2. There a number of church festivals that may include additional services, such as Lent, Easter, Epiphany, Ascension etc
3. There are also a couple of special events such as Christingle, The Light Party and the Memorial Service
4. Outside of this there are Baptisms, Blessings, Marriages and Funerals that occur on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year.
5. The local schools use the church for their annual Christmas Celebration.
6. The community use is concert based - with only occasional use.
7. With the exception of the school's Christmas Celebration, Christingle, Remembrance Sunday and very large weddings and funerals, current seating capacity is adequate.
8. For the last 12 months (1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024), 88% of all services were attended by no more than 78 people.

## Summary of your views on the best way forward.

As you move through this process, please come back to this front record in order to have a concise section which indicates which options you feel gives the best outcomes - which may be useful for future discussion.

### Section 1: How can we make the most of what we already have?



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- We keep the current boiler running as long as we can ☐ When the time is right, we will replace the current gas boiler with another gas boiler ☐  
When the time is right, we will replace the current gas boiler with an electric boiler ☐

### Section 2: Are we comfortable using the Community Center for Sunday Services during the winter months?



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Moving Sunday Services into the Community Centre during the winter months ☐  
Update our audio visual system ☐

### Section 3: Which key drivers should direct the way we move forward with our heating system?



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- 5th Mark of Mission ☐ The comfort of those using our church ☐  
The impact of our choices externally ☐ Protection of historical aspects of our church ☐

### Section 4: What approach(es) should we take with our heating system?



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- It's about comfort rather than temperature ☐ The controls to be simple ☐ The settings are pre-programmed ☐  
Heating system which is reliable, low maintenance ☐ Long life-expectancy ☐ Replacement parts are easy to source ☐  
Quickly react to being turned on/up or off/down ☐ Maintenance contractors locally with a good understanding of how the system works ☐

### Section 5: What currently happens in our church building and ideas for its future use



Please tick the box of the statements below that you agree with.

None of the options below ☐

- Our building is generally used for a Sunday Service with additional add-hoc usage ☐  
I have a good grasp on the who, what, where, which and when of the current building usage ☐  
Our plans need to be flexible to take into account any potential increase in usage of our church building ☐

### Section 6: What is the best way to heat the building?



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- A heating system to provide background heating ☐ A heating system to provide frost prevention ☐ A heating system to provide conservation heating ☐  
A heating system to provide space heating ☐ A heating system to provide people heating ☐ A heating system to provide 'winter church' ☐

### Section 7: Which fuel(s) should we be using?



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Natural Gas as the only fuel source for any heating system ☐ Keep a watch over developments in solar battery technology for future use ☐  
**Green Electricity** as the only fuel source for any heating system ☐ A combination of Gas and Green Electricity as fuel sources for any heating system ☐

### Section 8: Which heat emitter(s) should we be using?



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Radiators ☐ Trench Heaters ☐ Fan Convector ☐ Radiant Infra-Red ☐ Underfloor Heating ☐ Space Heaters ☐ Church Pew Heaters ☐  
We should consider moving and/or replacing our current radiators and storage heaters ☐ We should consider removing the radiators, storage heaters and boiler ☐



## Section 9: Proposals for when the Alter Zone is used for a service



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Carpet The Entire Area ☐ Move The Sound System Controls ☐ Relocate The Digital Piano ☐ Install Theatre Curtain ☐ Install Wifi Within The Building ☐  
 Under Pew Heating ☐ Portable Heated Seat Pad ☐ Move The Two Stalls ☐ Upgrade Audio Systems ☐ Additional Screen(s) and/or Monitors ☐  
 Install Convection Heaters ☐ Reposition Pews ☐ Electric Boiler ☐ Install Infra-Red Heaters ☐

## Section 10: Proposals for when the combined Alter and Pew Zones are used for a service



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Repositioning Of Pews ☐ Modification of one of the large pews to make into a smaller pew ☐

## Section 11: Proposals for when the majority of the church is used for a service



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Repositioning Of the font ☐ Removal of the font ☐

## Section 12: Proposals for use of the area within and below the gallery section of the church



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Install Curtain To Gallery Space ☐ Create A 'New Space' Under the Gallery ☐ Re-Open The External Door ☐ Create Second 'New Space' ☐

## Section 13: Proposals for internal works identified in our 2023 Quinquennial Report



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Plasterwork ☐ Glazing ☐ Cracking ☐ Flooring ☐

## Section 14: Proposals for external works identified in our 2023 Quinquennial Report



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- General Maintenance ☐ Brick/Stone work ☐ Moss ☐ Metalwork ☐ Roofing ☐ Woodwork ☐

## Section 15: Proposal to establish a Community Heritage Zone



Please tick the box of the option or options which best matches what you think will give us the best choice. None of the options below ☐

- Install a theatre curtain to zone off this space ☐ Allocate the second 'new space' for Heritage ☐ Purchase associated equipment ☐



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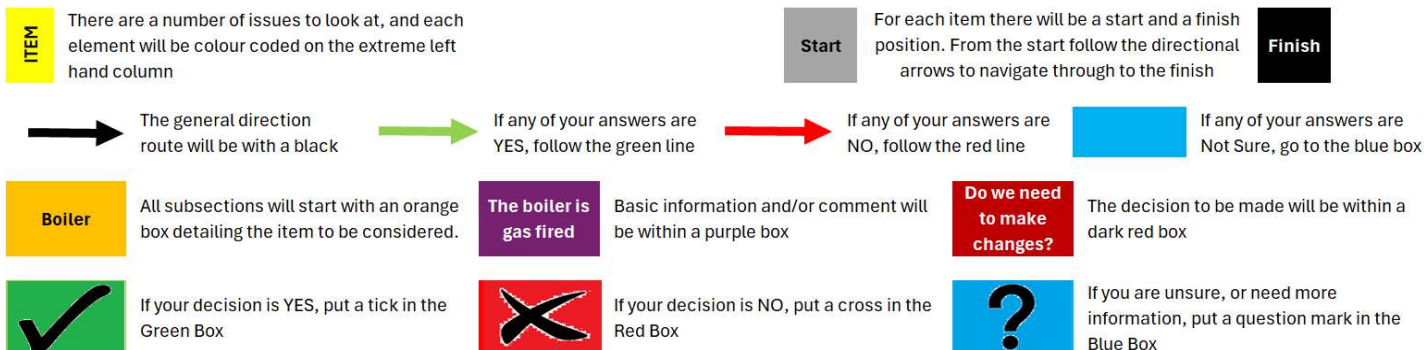
During our planning phase, we have found the guidance published by the Cathedral and Buildings Division of the Church of England to be a valuable resource.

It provides a balanced approach to the subject, and we would recommend you utilise the on-line documents if you need further information on specific items as you work through this important document.

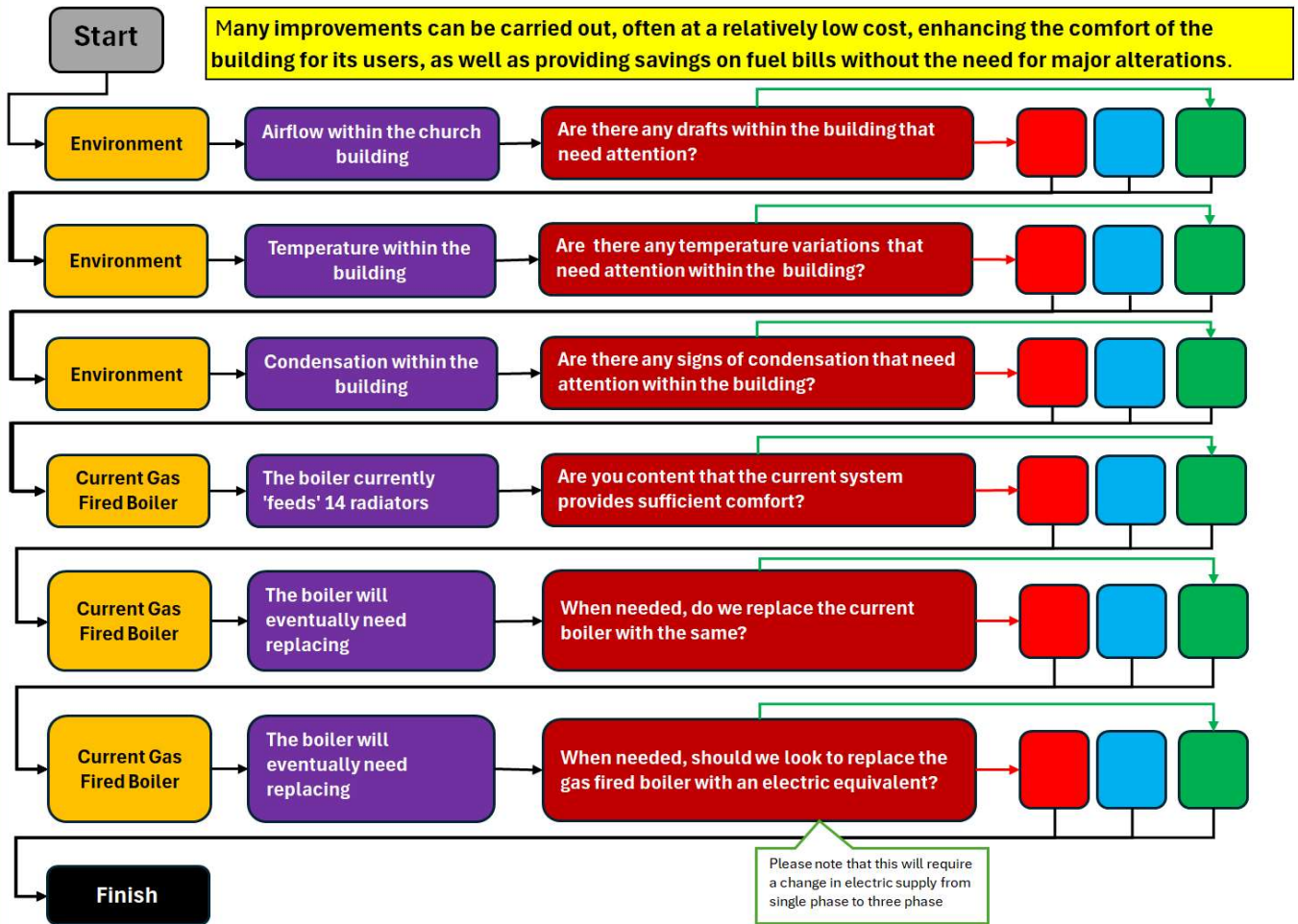
This can be found at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/churchcare/advice-and-guidance-church-buildings/heating>

As well as giving guidance, it also supplies Case Studies and links to other resources you may need.

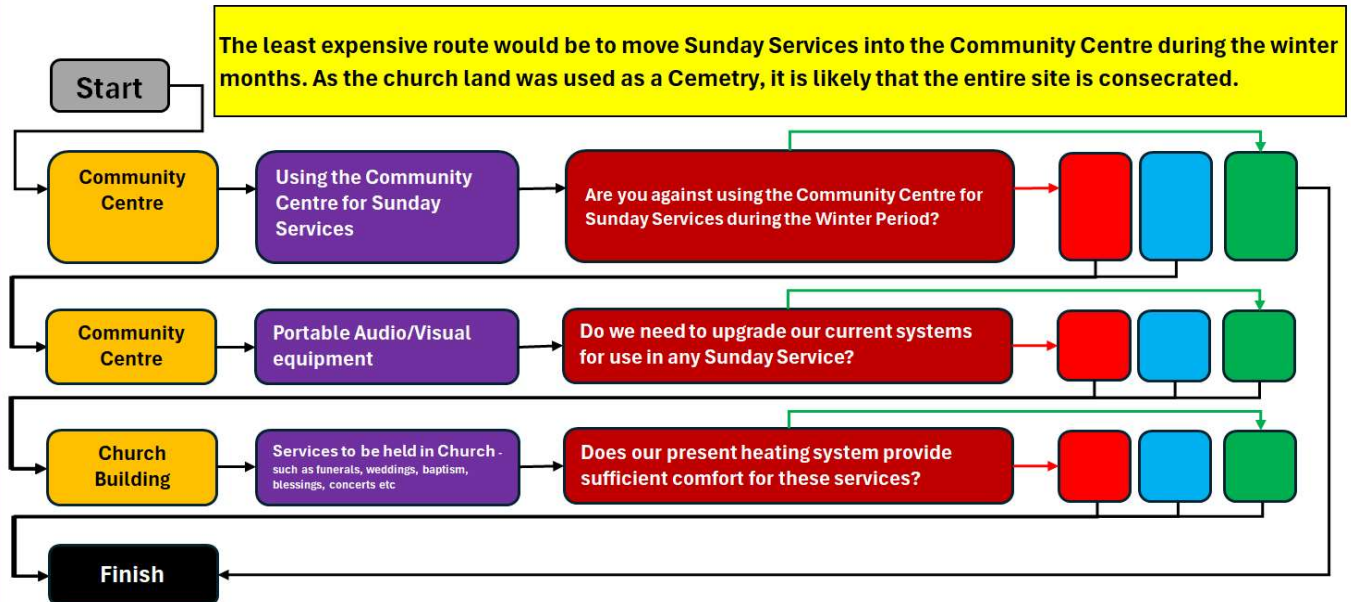
For the flowchart below, each section consists of the following (please note the shapes used are not standard, but square as they fit better into the space available):



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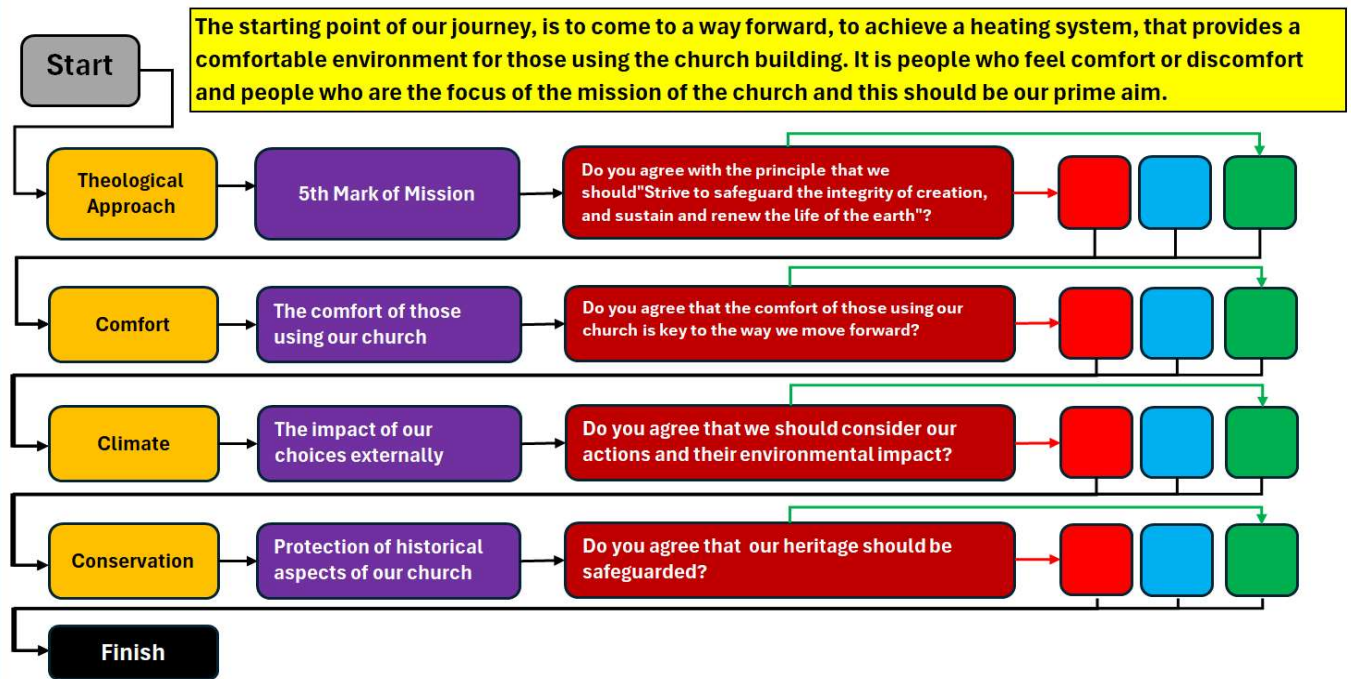


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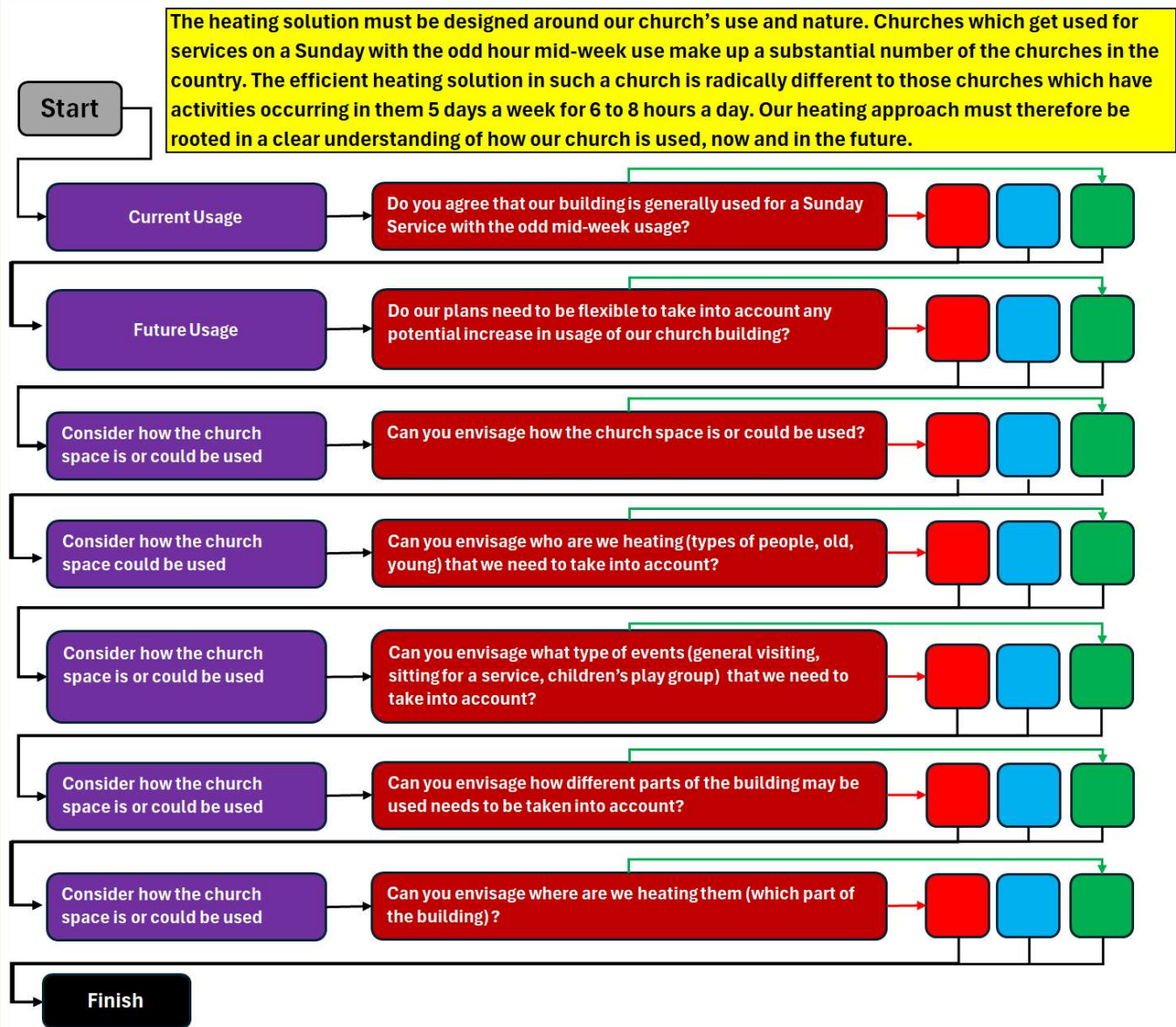
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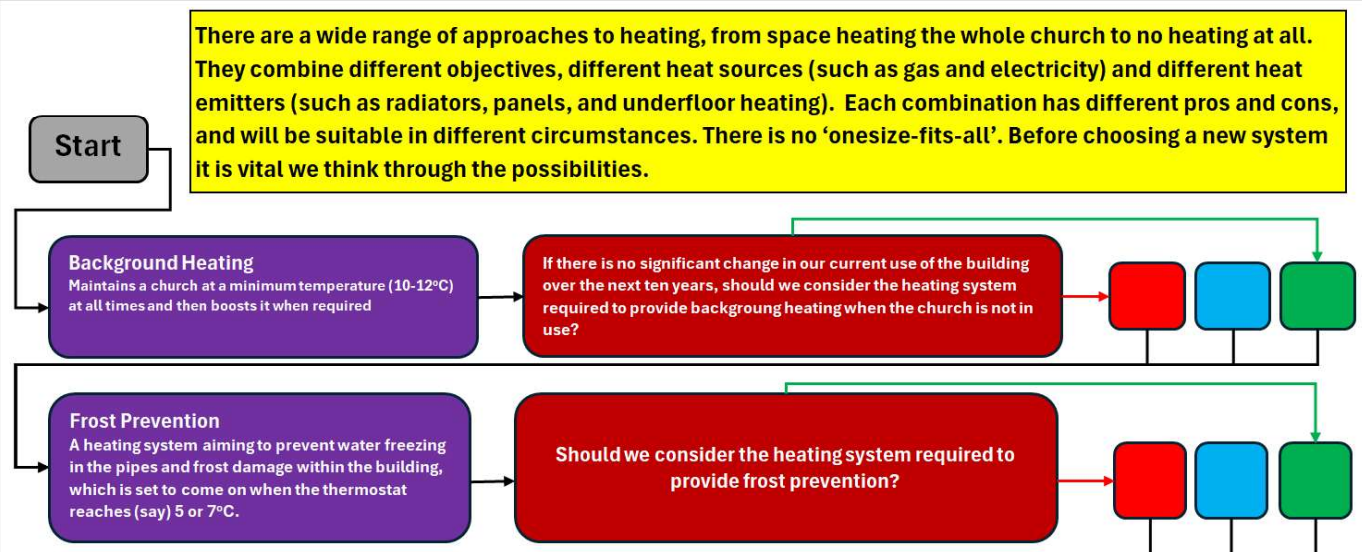
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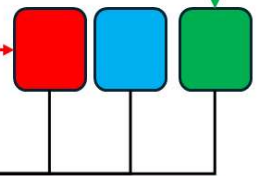
### Conservation Heating

Aims at preserving historic interiors susceptible to damage through environmental changes.

We spoke with Adrian Fox, Environmental Sustainability Officer, Cathedral and Church Building Department. His opinion is that the only item for us to take into consideration is the church organ.

The Institute of British Organ Building report that heating systems that heat up and cool down slowly (no more than  $2^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{h}$ ) are best for the fabric of the building, and for the organ. Their prime concern is the control of relative humidity – which in their opinion causes greater damage if relative humidity falls outside of 55% to 75% range

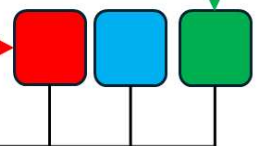
Should we consider the heating system required to provide conservation heating?



### Space Heating

Aims to heat the air of the church, so that the whole space is warm

As space heating is our current mode of heating the building, are there any changes that could be made to make the system more effective?



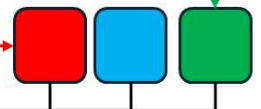
### People Heating

Aims to keep people comfortable, where they are

Most people who come into the church, enter in a “warm state”. If the ambient temperature is below  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the body will start to cool. The aim would be to try to keep the temperature in the persons’ immediate proximity as close to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  as we can.

If we can achieve this, then for the time the local ambient air is at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the person will feel comfortable in their surroundings.

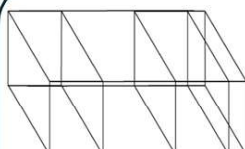
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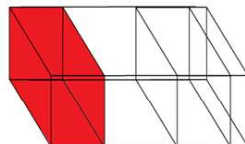
### Winter Church

Aiming to create a space within the church which can be kept warm enough to use during winter, without needing to warm the whole space. The space is partitioned off, and heated, whilst the rest of the space is left unheated or on frost prevention.

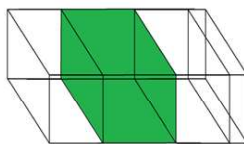
It is being suggested that we consider looking to ‘divide’ the internal volume of our church into four separate zones. The details are found in the box below.



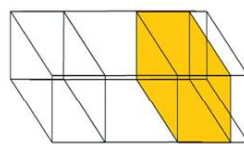
The internal volume of our church is around  $\sim 2,500 \text{ m}^3$



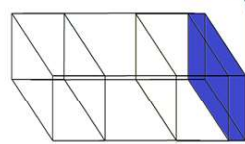
The first is the “Alter Zone”. It comes back to the two side lecterns. Its internal volume (including the Altar Area) is  $\sim 650 \text{ m}^3$  - or 26% of the total volume



The Second is the “Pew Zone”. Its internal volume is  $\sim 1,160 \text{ m}^3$  - or 46% of the total volume



The Third is the “Open” Zone. Its internal volume is  $\sim 390 \text{ m}^3$  - or 16% of the total volume



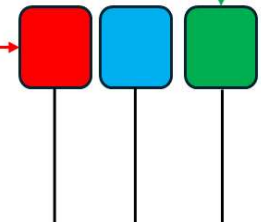
The Fourth is the “No Heating” Zone. Its internal volume is  $\sim 300 \text{ m}^3$  - or 12% of the total volume

It is being suggested that we use theatre curtains to provide the partitions.



They can be pulled back to increase internal area if required.  
They can be partially pulled back to form a pathway between zones

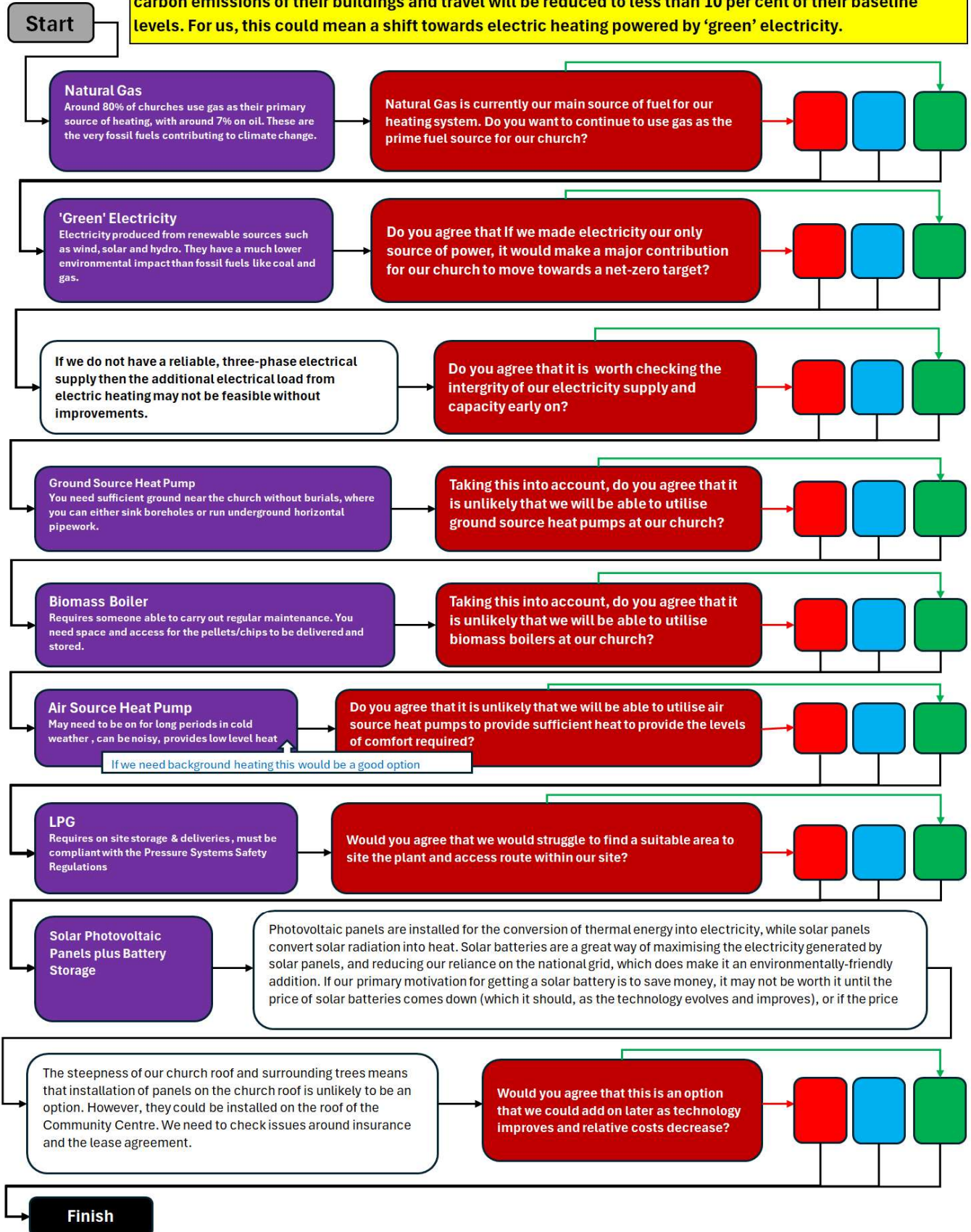
This approach is likely to give us the highest flexibility - as it utilises different parts of the heating system listed above. Should we consider the heating system required to provide a ‘winter church approach’?



Finish

## Section 7: Which fuel(s) should we be using?

The General Synod of the Church of England voted in February 2020 for the whole of the Church of England to achieve net zero carbon by 2030. The vote recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation and a fundamental injustice. For the Church of England, being net zero carbon means that the carbon emissions of their buildings and travel will be reduced to less than 10 per cent of their baseline levels. For us, this could mean a shift towards electric heating powered by 'green' electricity.



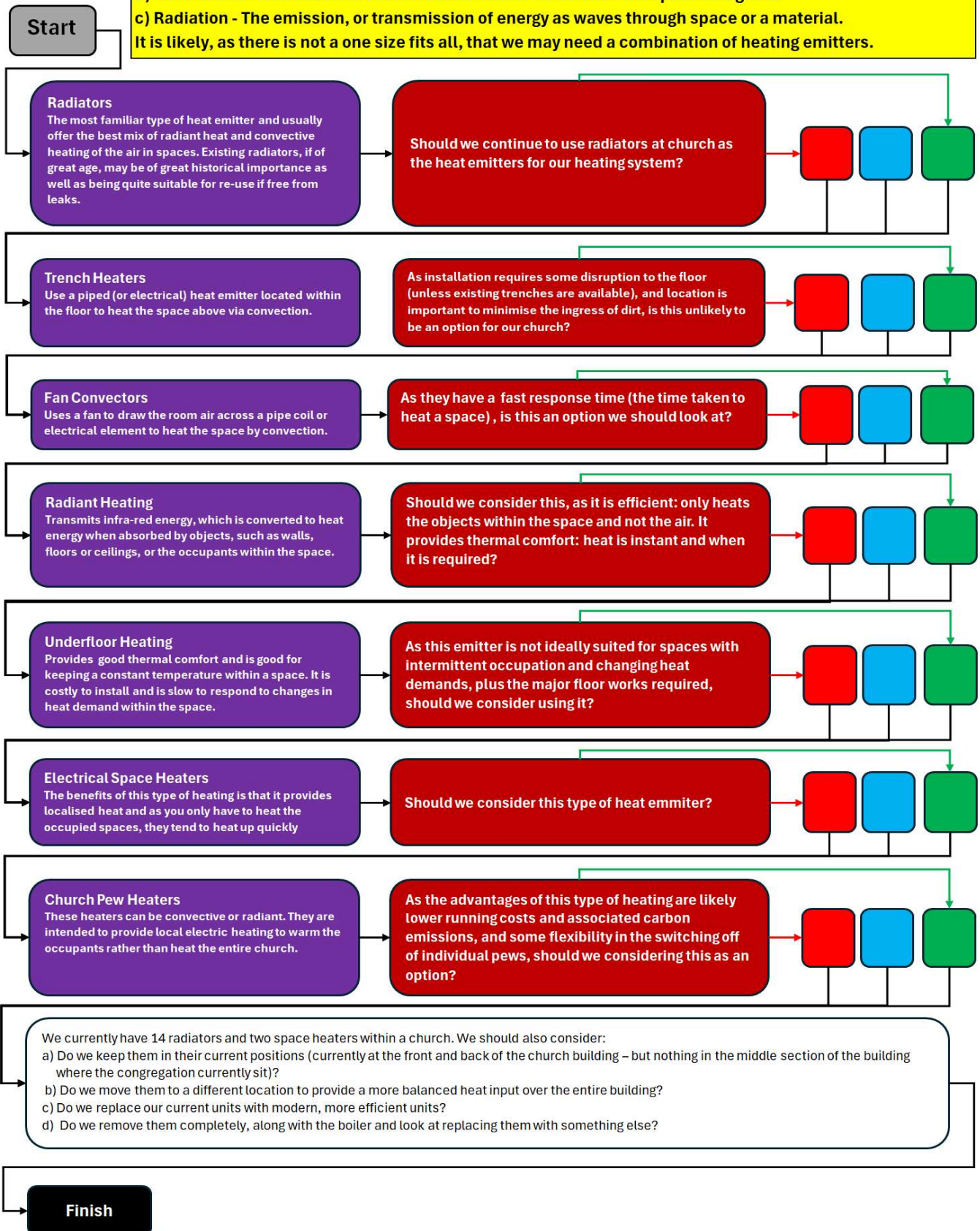


## Section 8: Which heat emitter(s) should we be using?

A heat emitter is any product that sends out heat. Heat emitters are used to distribute heat around a building to maintain required set points within spaces. Heat can enter a space through:

- Conduction** - The transfer of heat through collisions of particles and movement of electrons within a body
- Convection** - The movement of molecules within fluids such as liquids and gases
- Radiation** - The emission, or transmission of energy as waves through space or a material.

It is likely, as there is not a one size fits all, that we may need a combination of heating emitters.





## Section 9: Proposals for when the Alter Zone is used for a service

Having worked through the basics of heating systems, we can now move into looking at developing specifics plans within each part of the church.

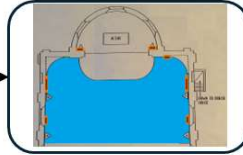
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The first area for consideration is from the front of church, including the alter area, extending back to a position between the first and second side windows – or in line with the two side lecterns.

### Carpet The Entire Area

Carpeting over concrete floors can be a quick, affordable and smart way to warm up a cool room, reduce noise and turn a bland and uninspiring space into somewhere warm and inviting.

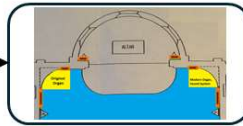


Do you agree that this is an option we should consider?

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### Relocate The Digital Piano and Sound System Controls

This is to make space at the front for other items.



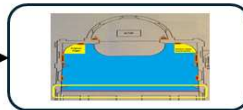
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### Install Theatre Curtain

This is to establish our first heating zone.

Note: it is not known what this will do to the acoustics.



Do you agree that this is an option we should consider?

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### Reposition Pews

This will give us a seating capacity within the Alter Zone of 78 people – which would have accommodated 88% of all services taking place over the last 12 months.

This would mean removing/repositioning the two side lecterns

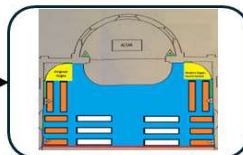


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### Under Pew Heating

Fitted to the external pews (orange in the drawing to the right), but not the internal pews (white ditto)). This takes into account electrical tray ducting – already in place – and removes the need to bury power cables underground.



Do you agree that this is an option we should consider?

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### Portable Heated Seat Pad

Three levels of heating modes are available. The heating pad has a special rechargeable storage bag, so you can conveniently protect the mobile power supply. It is equipped with high-density memory foam pad, which feels like sitting on the sofa. It is best described as to how it feels sitting on a heated car seat.

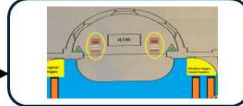


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### Move The Two Stalls

Again, this will make space in front of the Alter Rail.

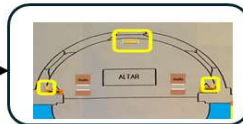


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### Install Infra-Red Heaters

These are to keep those leading our service comfortable where they sit or stand in the Alter area.

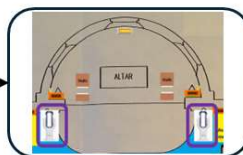


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### Install Convection Heaters

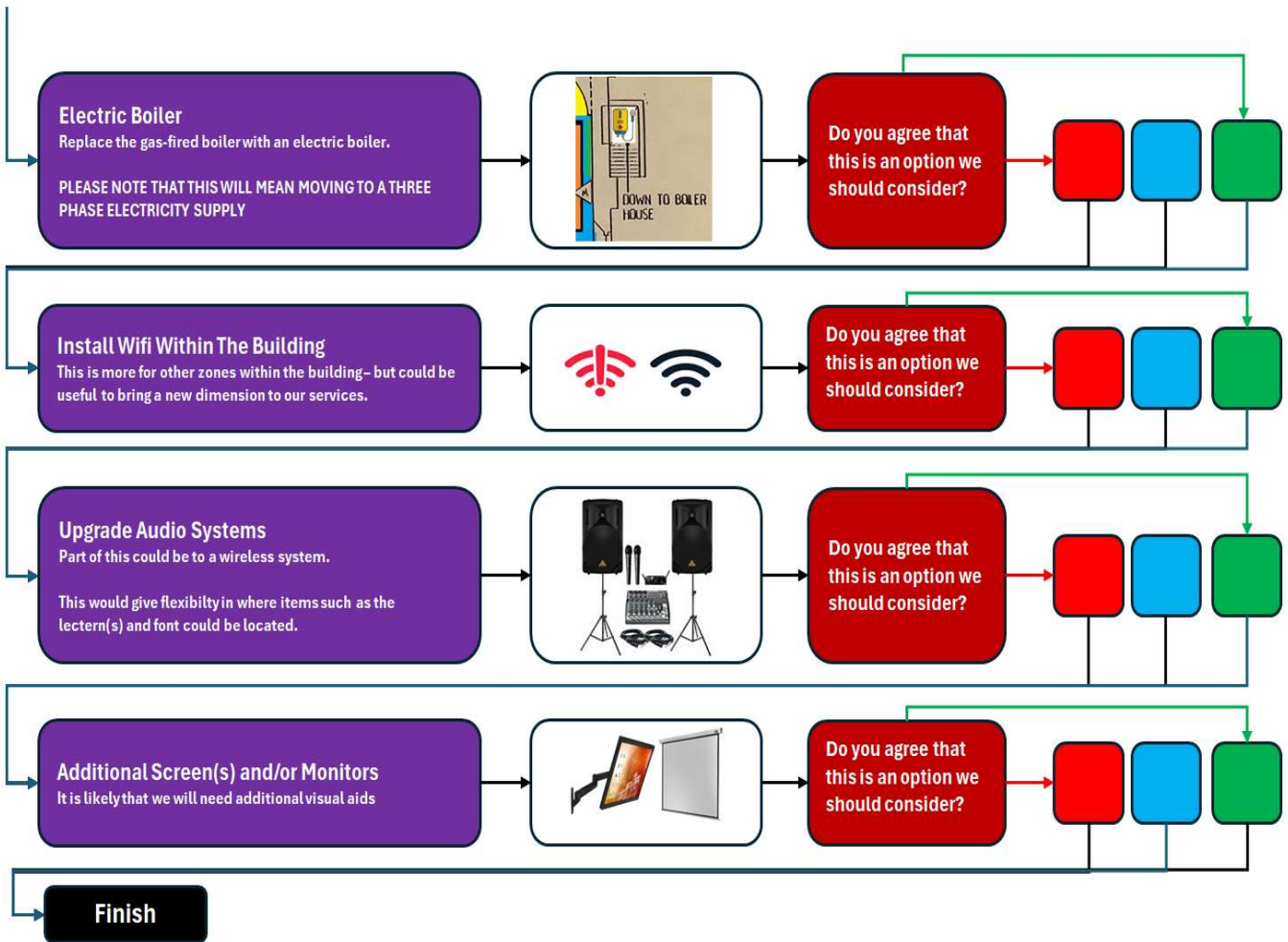
Used to help bring the main areas to a reasonable temperature before services start. It is not planned to use them during the service due to their noise and the airflow caused by the fans can cool a person.



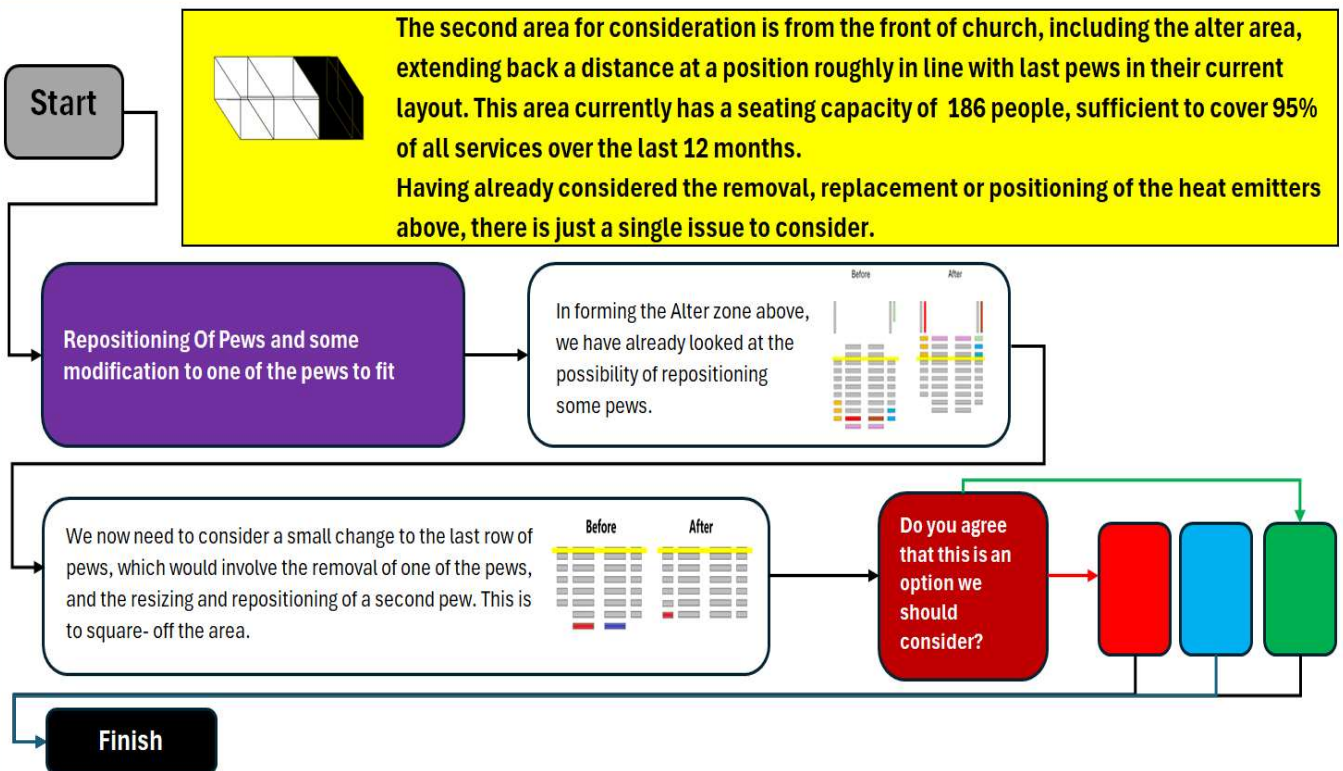
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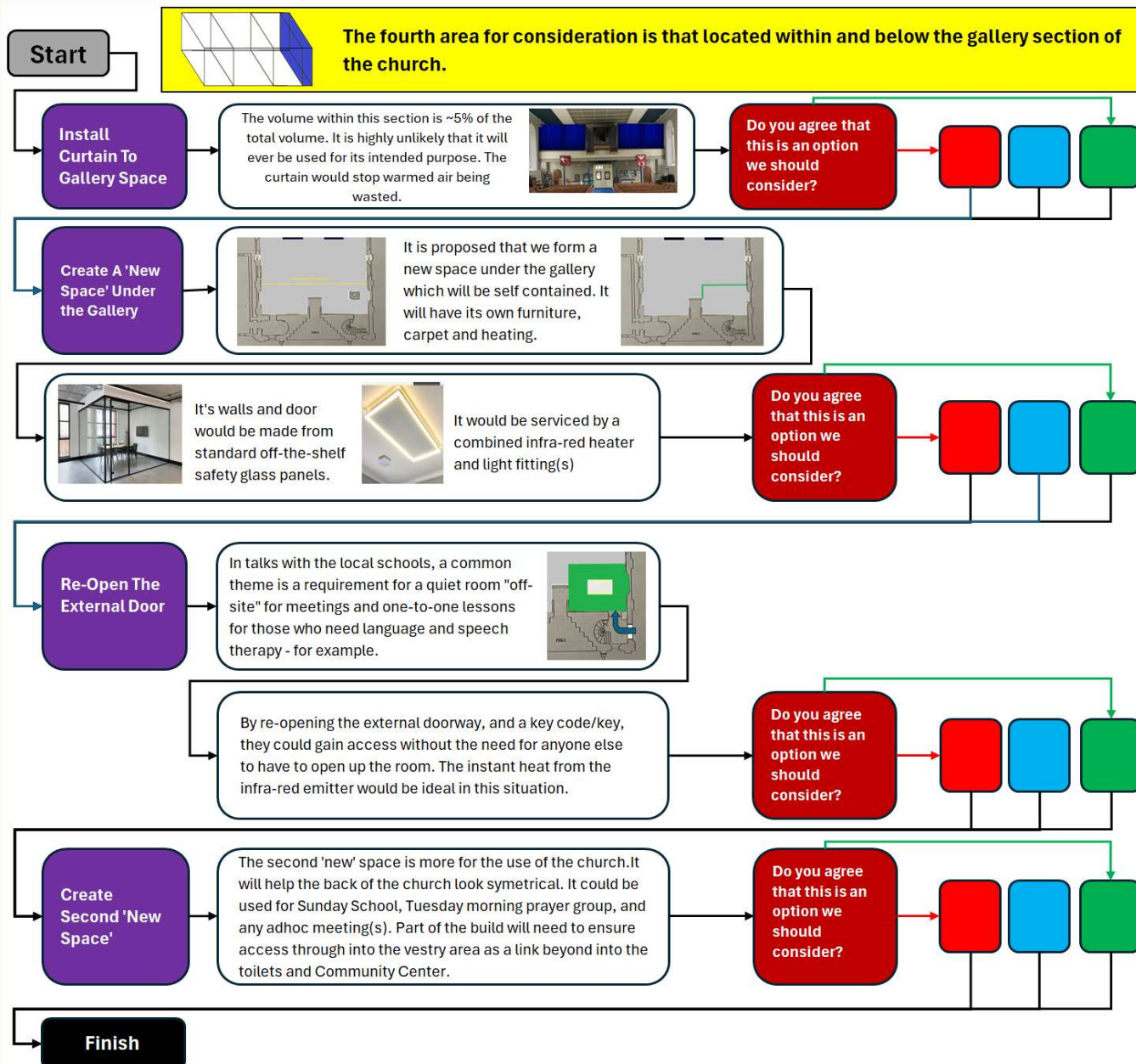


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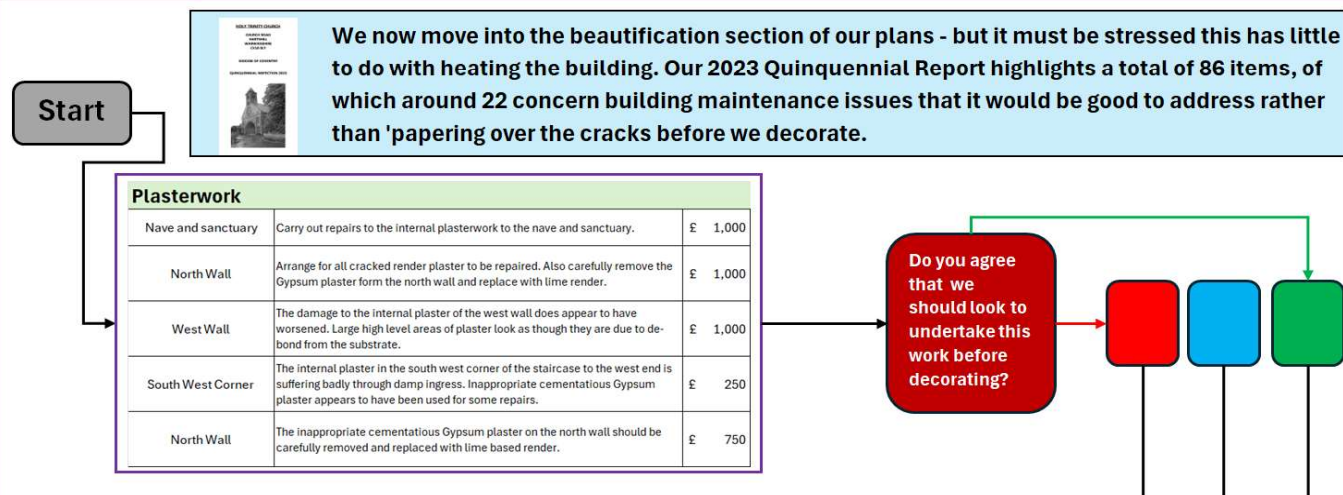




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## Section 13: Proposals for internal works identified in our 2023 Quinquennial Report



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| Glazing         |  |           |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| General Comment | Carry out repairs to the leaded light glazing. (based on £3,000 per window 10 years ago - so double cost)  | £ 102,000 |
| General Comment | Carry out additional window repairs.   | £ 2,500   |
| General Comment | As mentioned in previous reports, the windows and glazing throughout the church are likely to require some repair works. The leadwork in some windows is weakening and bowing. | £ 2,500   |
| South West      | A piece of glass is missing from the west side of the south west window.   | £ 300     |
| General Comment | It is recommended that a glazing conservator visit and inspect the condition of the glazing.   |           |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work before decorating?

| Cracking               |   |         |
|------------------------|---|---------|
| East Wall of Sanctuary | As mentioned in previous reports, the settlement cracks in the internal plaster do not make pleasant viewing. There are a number of cracks in the east wall of the sanctuary. | £ 2,000 |
| East End of South Wall | The cracks that are evident at the east end of the south wall of the nave appear to have worsened.  | £ 1,500 |
| West End of South Wall | Further cracks are evident in the western end of the south wall of the nave.  | £ 1,500 |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work before decorating?

| Flooring          |  |         |
|-------------------|--|---------|
| Balcony Stairwell | The spalling of the quarry tiles to the ground floor balcony stairwell do not appear to have worsened.   | £ 750   |
| Nave              | Some of the wood blocks to the areas of wood block flooring in the nave are loose and uneven.  | £ 250   |
| Central Aisle     | The carpet to the central aisle appears to be in a reasonably satisfactory condition.  |         |
| Side Aisle        | The thermoplastic tiles to the side aisles are not a floor finish that is usually associated with a church. It is likely that these contain some asbestos fibres and will need to be removed by a licensed contractor. | £ 1,000 |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work before decorating?

Finish

## Section 14: Proposals for external works identified in our 2023 Quinquennial Report

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The second part of our look at the items raised by the Quinquennial Report relates to issues that are mostly external matters

| Moss            |   |       |
|-----------------|---|-------|
| General Comment | Clean off the moss growth to the window cills and the semi-engineering blue brick weatherings to the plinth course. | £ 500 |
| North Elevation | There is moss growth on the semi engineering blue brick weatherings to the plinth course on the north elevation.    | £ 500 |
| General Comment | Some of the stone cills to the windows are covered in moss growth.  | £ 500 |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work?

| Metal Work        |   |         |
|-------------------|---|---------|
| Sanctuary Window  | Refix the metal protective grilles to the sanctuary windows.  | £ 250   |
| Doors             | De-rust all ironmongery and redecorate with black Hammerite paint.  | £ 100   |
| Windows           | Carefully de-rust and redecorate the ferramenta of the windows and the frames of the hopper ventilators.  | £ 1,000 |
| Rain Water System | De-rust and redecorate all cast iron rainwater goods.   | £ 250   |
| West Elevation    | The ferramenta to the windows is rusting. The rusting and expansion of some of the bars is disrupting the internal plasterwork to the reveals and is likely to be the cause of some of the crazing plasterwork. |         |
| ???               | As mentioned in the last 2013 report the opening ventilation hoppers require to be overhauled and the metalwork redecorated.  | £ 1,000 |
| South Elevation   | There is a damaged cast iron ventilation grille at low level in the plinth brickwork of the south elevation.  | £ 250   |
| East Elevation    | The metal protective grille to the east window of the sanctuary is loose and requires careful refixing.   | £ 150   |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work?

| Roofing            |  |         |
|--------------------|--|---------|
| Nave and Sanctuary | Refix tiles to the north and south roof slopes of the nave and the sanctuary roof.   | £ 5,000 |
| General Comment    | As mentioned in previous Quinquennial Inspection reports, there are a number of slipped and missing roof tiles. Some tiles appear to be lifting, the north slope of the nave roof is in the worst condition. | £ 2,500 |
| General Comment    | It would be worthwhile considering the installation of snowguards (refer to the 2018 Quinquennial Report).   | £ 5,000 |
| Sanctuary          | The tiles to the roof above the sanctuary appear to be lifting and some are loose.   | £ 1,000 |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work?

| Woodwork        |   |       |
|-----------------|---|-------|
| External Doors  | It is recommended that the external timber doors and frames be carefully cleaned down and treated with Danish oil | £ 200 |
| General Comment | All fittings and furniture appeared to be in a reasonably satisfactory condition                                  | £ -   |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work?

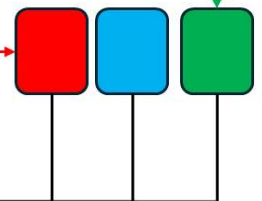
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## General Maintenance

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| Rain Water System              | It is absolutely essential that all rainwater downpipes, hoppers, gutters and ground channels and gullies are inspected regularly (at least twice a year) and cleared of silt, leaves, debris, small plants, etc.. A monthly inspection should be made of any vegetation growing against or up the walls of the church and this should be immediately removed. During the inspection it was noticed that the channels were quite overgrown and these need to be cleared out. |
| Rain Water System              | Generally the cast iron rainwater goods appear to be in a reasonably satisfactory condition. Some of the upvc plastic pipework had, however, come apart.   |
| Leadwork                       | The leadwork at the roof junctions with the tower and the gable parapets appear to be in a satisfactory condition.   |
| Below Ground Drainage System   | It is understood that this functions satisfactorily. During the inspection it was noticed that some ground gullies were clogged with leaves and weeds.   |
| Monuments and Memorial Plaques | The monuments and memorial plaques are in a reasonably satisfactory condition. When funds permit consideration should be given to getting them professionally cleaned.   |
| CHURCHYARD                     | The churchyard is well maintained. It is recommended that a report be commissioned on the condition of the trees growing close to the south elevation and specifically identify whether the tree roots are causing some of the settlement/movement.  |

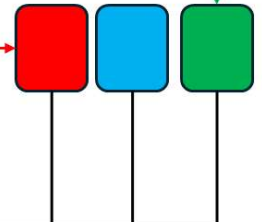
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## Brick/Stone Work

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| South Elevation             | Carry out repairs to the cracked brick and stonework to the east end of the south elevation.  | £ 100   |
| East end of south elevation | There is a significant crack through the brick arch and the stonework above the blocked up doorway (at the east end of the south elevation) behind the entrance to the boiler room.                                     | £ 500   |
| South East Window           | There is a further crack above the head of the south east window and a section of the brick detailed arch over the south east window has dropped significantly and looks very loose. This requires immediate attention. | £ -     |
| General Comment             | Repoint all open joints to the external brickwork and stonework. Also carefully infill the voids in the stonework.  | £ 1,000 |
| North Elevation             | The void in the stonework behind the central rainwater downpipe to the north elevation still exists (this was reported in 2018).  | £ 100   |
| North Elevation             | There are open mortar joints to the buttress located on the north elevation behind the library.   | £ 100   |
| West Door                   | There are open mortar joints to the keystone above the west door.   | £ 100   |
| General Comment             | Arrange via the Church Architect to have stonework repairs carried out.   |         |
| West Door                   | Point up the open mortar joints to the stone paving adjacent to the west doors (with lime based mortar).  | £ 100   |
| West Door                   | The entrance paving to the west doors is uneven and some stones are cracked. The open mortar joints require clearing out and careful repointing with time.  | £ 300   |
| East Gable                  | Renew the decorated stone cross to the east gable of the nave.  | £ 750   |
| East Gable                  | A large section of the decorated stone cross to the east gable of the nave is missing.  | £ 500   |
| North Elevation             | A piece of blue brick weathering has broken away from the plinth course on the north elevation.   | £ 50    |
| Nort East Buttress          | A brick to the east side of the north east buttress has become chipped and a piece is missing.  | £ 100   |
| ???                         | There are some extensive areas of stonework that have received inappropriate cementitious mortar pointing. This mortar is assisting with the erosion of the stonework.  | £ 1,000 |
| East wall of sanctuary      | Sections of low level brickwork have open mortar joints. There is a significant area at the base of the east wall of the sanctuary.   | £ 250   |
| East & West Elevations      | Some of the dressed sandstone to the east and west elevations shows signs of masonry bee activity.  | £ -     |
| West Gable                  | The coping stones to the west gable (north and south slope) are chipped and a few of the mortar joints are open.  | £ 300   |
| West Gable                  | The decorative sandstone medallions are badly eroded.   | £ 500   |
| West Elevation              | There are a few voids in the stonework to the west elevation.   | £ 300   |
| West Elevation              | The carved sandstone faces either side of the round louvre vent to the west elevation are badly eroded.   |         |
| South Elevation             | The sandstone steps to the door at the west end of the south elevation are badly eroded.  | £ 200   |
| West Entrance               | The dressed sandstone stonework to the engaged shafts capitals and bases to the west entrance are badly eroded.   | £ 500   |
| Tower                       | Some of the facing bricks to the tower have perished, due to frost action. The west elevation is the worst affected.  | £ 1,500 |

Do you agree that we should look to undertake this work?



Finish

## Section 15: Proposal to establish a Community Heritage Zone

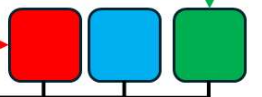


This final section looks at the possibility of establishing an area at the back of church that we effectively hand-over the running of to local volunteers - with a key emphasis being placed on heritage - which would be a vital element of any application for the Heritage Fund.

Start

**Additional Theatre Curtain**  
Which will be situated just behind the last row of pews

Do you agree that we should undertake further work on this?



**Set aside one of the two 'new spaces'**  
To accommodate multi media equipment

Do you agree that we should do this if appropriate?



**Purchase Associated Equipment**  
Items such as display cabinets, interactive boards, multi media etc etc

Do you agree that we should undertake further work on this?



Finish