St George's Church, Dumfries Church Heating and Development Proposal

IMPORTANT CONSULTATION

If you have been in church over the last winter you may have realised that the church heating system leaves a lot to be desired. It is increasingly unreliable, inefficient, costly to run, and badly in need of substantial upgrade. A Church Development Group was appointed to explore options for upgrading the heating and to consider how the necessary structural work could be utilised to effect changes and improvements to the physical layout of the church. Fire Safety and revised Health & Safety regulations in relation to the existing heating and the horse hair cushions on the pews also need to be considered.

At a special Deacons' Court meeting, the committee presented a number of options based on external professional advice. It was clear that no improvements would be possible without undertaking substantial construction work involving the pews and church flooring.

Your views are welcome

Before any final decision is taken on the way ahead, it is important that members are given the opportunity to make their views, questions and suggestions known.

19 September 2017

Agreement in Principle:

The Court agreed in principle to consider the following options:

- the installation of a two boiler gas system and underfloor heating
- the removal of downstairs pews - replaced with individual chairs
- the provision of new flooring

Key Questions:

At the meeting, a number of key questions and suggestions arose which require further detailed investigation by the Church Development Group - this is ongoing.

Funding:

The estimated overall cost is £128,000 approximately. Further information as to how this may be funded will be discussed at the congregation consultation meeting.

Consultation:

All members of St George's are invited to have their say on this important matter.

- A special presentation will take place immediately after the Church Service on Sunday 8 October 2017.
- Members are encouraged to submit questions and/or feedback in advance of the presentation on the 8th October or no later than Thursday 12 October by:

  Emailing the Clerk to the Deacons' Court: deacons@saint-georges.org.uk

  Writing to the church FAO: Clerk to the Deacons' Court

  Using one of the note cards available in the church vestibule and posting it in the silver post-box in the church