VISION FOR THE FUTURE

Developing our building to enable St Andrew’s to be God’s transforming presence at the heart of the community.

WHAT IS THE VISION?

We want to create a welcoming and flexible building that will be a resource centre for St Andrew’s, our town and for the wider Church.

Our aim is to create greater accessibility throughout the week, provide urgent improvements to our existing facilities and extra meeting space for a wide number of groups. We will provide a building that will be a legacy for the next generation, equipping the Church to fulfil our vision and calling.
WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS?

External message of our church building:
Outdated, dark, insular.

Internal message of our church building:
Crowded, light and lively, but a building that
the church family has outgrown, and has
become dated in parts.

Entrance:
The entrance Lobby is a small, cramped space
with no reception.

Lounge Area:
Refreshments, toilets and casual seating are
all adjacent to each other, creating congestion
next to the main staircase to the Hickman Hall
below. The dividers are worn and dangerous.

Poor Toilet Facilities:
There are not enough toilets, and not enough
toilets accessible from the main worship level.

Wheelchair Access:
Wheelchair access is restrictive to the
community. People in wheelchairs have to exit
the building if they need to go to the Hickman
Hall and Prayer room.

Inadequate Kitchen Facilities:
The kitchen is used regularly for serving
refreshments, as well as catering for large
numbers of people on a weekly basis, for
example, Lunch Club, and even bigger events
like The Noise. Refreshments have to be served
from temporary tables in the lounge space,
because the kitchen is too small.

Meeting Rooms:
We don’t have enough meeting rooms
and communal spaces for our small groups
through the week and all our children’s
work during Sunday services, therefore a
number of ministries have to take place off
site. The crèche room is too small. There are
limited meeting rooms available in our local
community.

Storage:
There is inadequate storage throughout the
church building.

Office Space:
The church office reception is far away from
the entrance and is difficult to find.
Our office space is split between two buildings.
WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

JBKS Architects have developed a design proposal to wrap a predominantly single-storey extension around the church building, along with putting a small mezzanine level in the lounge area.

This will provide much better meeting rooms, toilets, storage and full wheelchair access.

Entrance:
A new open, bright, welcoming glass entrance, with automatic doors next to the church reception that open onto an extended lounge area.

Lounge Area:
The lounge area will be bigger and de-cluttered which will create a better flow with the main worship area. A dedicated servery separate, but alongside the kitchen, with seating for refreshments after services and during events. Step-free access to the Prayer room.

Toilets:
There will be new toilets in the extension, increasing the number, and they will be refurbished on the lower level. There will also be new toilets adjacent to a new flexible space.

Kitchen Facilities:
A new, bigger kitchen in a new location, with commercial fittings, ample adjacent storage and enough space to cater for the large events we like to hold as a hub for our community.

Meeting Rooms:
There will be a new medium-sized meeting room, and a small meeting room next to the offices for private consultations or counselling. There will also be a large meeting room with a room divider that can be used by different sized groups or events.

Storage:
There will be more storage throughout the building, near to the spaces that they will serve for ease of use. There will be dedicated cupboards for particular groups.

Office Space:
The reception will be next to the front entrance door. Next to that will be the main church office. The leadership team will have their office space on the mezzanine level above the lounge area, with the small meeting room nearby.
BUILDING PLANS

Proposed Ground Floor Plan

Proposed First Floor Plan

Church Space
Circulation Space
Office/Meeting Space
Utility Space
Storage Space