

Sanctuary Plans Feedback Form

The Parish is considering some changes to the Sanctuary area. Proposed plans can be seen in the Parish rooms and in the current Pilgrim magazine.

The aims are to refresh and renew finishes and to simplify and 'de-clutter' the Sanctuary.

The following are the key changes under consideration:

- Replace the current carpeted Sanctuary area and steps with a more durable and attractive stone surface.
- Swap the positions of the priests' chairs and lectern (i.e., chairs would be on the right, the lectern on the left, as seen from the congregation). There would be just one lectern, used for readings, homilies, and by the music leader (cantor).
- Move the keyboard and amplification equipment, currently on the left side of the Sanctuary, to floor level at the front of the Church.
- Introduce ramps for disabled access to the Sanctuary areas, on either side.
- To enable the ramps, the height of the main Sanctuary area would be slightly lowered – this could be compensated by adding a step up onto the altar and lectern.
- Bring the cross forward off the wall and suspend it above the altar. If the cross is moved in this way, the current tapestries would be removed from the rear wall.
- Replace the current tabernacle with a new tabernacle on a plinth behind the altar.
- Make the altar plinth, lectern, and back of the chairs from the same stone.
- Re-face the altar with brick (consistent with the brick in the rest of the Church), squaring-off its shape. The altar front would have a cross symbol and the lectern would have the Alpha and Omega symbols.
- Redecorate the walls and ceiling of the Sanctuary (and eventually the whole Church) in a more neutral colour, without the painted 'arch' behind the altar.
- Introduce a brick-effect wall (to match the current bricks) behind the altar, up to the level of the window sills on either side of the altar.
- Remove the door from the Sanctuary into the Sacristy and increase the size and privacy of the confessional box, with a door and clearer signage from the Narthex.

Your feedback will help us to finalise the scheme.

At this stage, it is possible to change or remove any of the proposals above – so your feedback is important.

Please complete the form on the other side of this page and return to the box in the Church porch, once this becomes possible, OR send your answers to the questions by email to openmeetings@saintlaurence.org.uk.

A Parish Open Meeting to discuss next steps was scheduled for 8pm on May 13th, but is likely to be rearranged – keep an eye on the Newsletter.

The proposals for changes to the Sanctuary are listed on the other side of this page.

Which of the proposals do you like, and why?

Which of the proposals would you prefer to see changed, and how?

Any other comments on the scheme?

Your name(s): _____