

Project: Lighting Upgrade

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Date of Item of Concern

Concern has been growing for many years.

Date when Concern first noted

About three years ago.

Location

St. Mary's Church.

Communications

The Finance Committee and PCC have been periodically updated.
Articles have appeared in the Parish Magazine and pew papers.
Interested parties have been invited to meetings to consider solutions.

Progress

Outline proposals were invited from expert advisors, including those on the list supplied by Rochester.
A firm from Surrey was selected to develop their proposals, in discussion with members of the congregation and clergy.

This has led to a detailed specification against which tenders could be invited for the installation contract.
This specification and draft 'statement of need' was sent, in July, to Rochester for informal feed-back and advice prior to submitting a formal Faculty request. A response in September supported us in principle but advised a reduction in the variety of lamps.

The lighting company has agreed to revise its specification to meet Rochester's concerns and hopes to send a new version by the end of September.

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Work to be done

By early October we hope to have a revised specification. We will then submit a formal Faculty Application and at the same time invite tenders for the task of installing the specified lamps and new wiring from suitably qualified and experienced electrical specialists.

Tenders will be evaluated and a preferred contractor selected.

When approval is received the selected contractor will be invited to commence work. However, the approval process can sometime be slow. The matter is likely to be considered at the DAC meeting scheduled for November and we might not hear the results for a couple of weeks.

Fundraising has already raised approximately £20,000 but about £42,000 is likely to be needed. Some money will need to come from existing church funds and extra donations will continue to be invited. However, the exact cost will not be known until after tenders have been received.

It is hoped to have the work completed in the spring, but this depends on several factors, including the availability of the contractor.

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Updates

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A summary may be placed on:

- a.) the St.Mary's website under Current News/Project Progress/Lighting
- b.) a display board in St. Mary's Church.