

St Lawrence Church



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# Reordering

# Restoration

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**Following** the consultation in autumn 2018 we said that we would keep you informed of progress with restoration and reordering of St Lawrence.

We have submitted a Statement of Need and a Statement of Significance to the Gloucester Diocese church building team. These documents are required to meet the Church of England planning process.



**The Statement of Need** is based on the initial consultation in October 2018. It sets out how we use the church for worship, mission and supporting events now and plan to use in the future. For example the children's holiday club shown on the left and the Maundy Thursday agape meal shown on the right.



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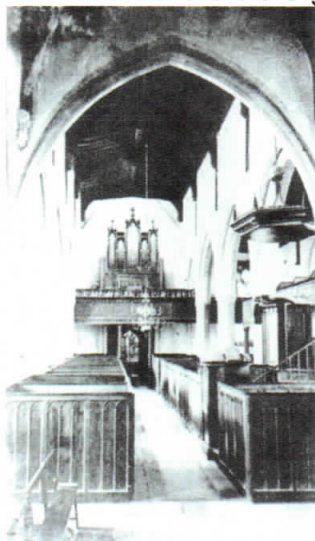




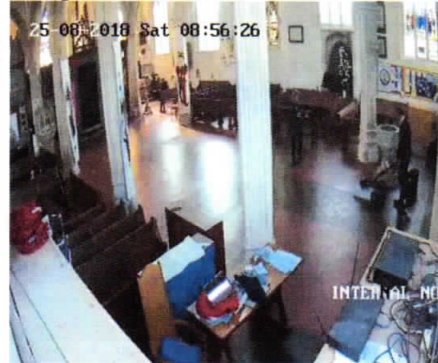


**We** also state the work needed to restore the building, including use of the north porch (above). We set out our view of an open and light church to provide greater flexibility of use for existing users and other activities currently held outside the church.

**The Statement of Significance** was prepared with input from our archaeologist who has carried out similar work for other church reordering. The document includes a history of the church with references to earlier documents and photographs. For example the view below is looking to the west end of the church circa 1829 from the chancel showing the galleries to the west and north; also note the location of the old organ.

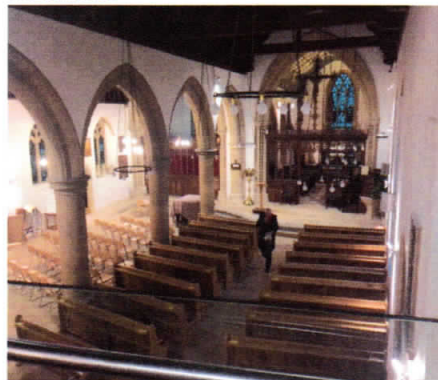


**The** archaeologist has made an assessment of the impact of possible proposals on the existing building and proposes mitigation measures.

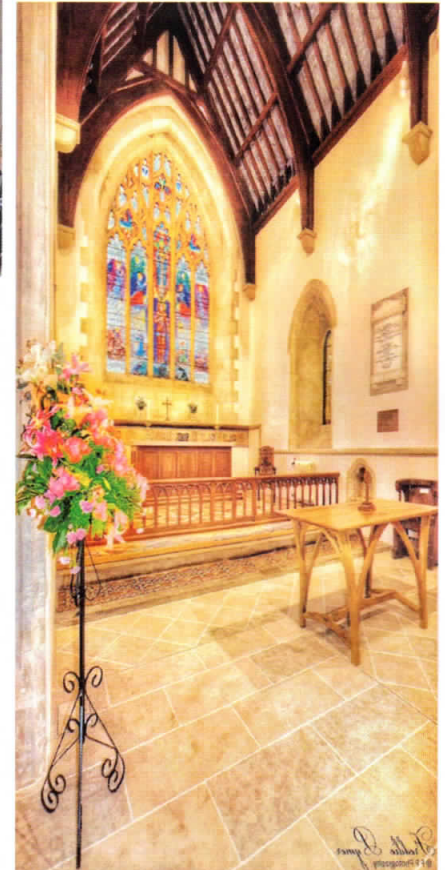


The above photo shows the Ground Penetrating Radar survey in August 2018. This showed that there were some old vaults mainly in the north and south aisles, thought to be infilled in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**We** are now going through the process of appointing an architect following the guidelines set out by the Gloucester Diocese. The feasibility work by the selected architect on conceptual designs will take place in the autumn. The architect will produce proposals; we then plan a further consultation with the church community early in 2020. A [timeline](#) of activities is available on the church website.



**Other** churches are in the process of or have completed reordering. At St Michael's Church, Highworth a new floor has been laid and the screen moved to the west end.



It is well worth visiting ... see the photo above. They have also built a new toilet block attached to the north side of their church, making access through an un-used doorway.

**On** the left is a photo of St Lawrence Church, Bourton on the Water, taken from the gallery looking towards the chancel. The work here was completed in 2018 and was undertaken by a Cirencester company, to a very high standard.