

# Repairing the past, protecting the future

## What have we achieved so far?

We received a grant from Valencia Communities which allowed us to mend the leaky roof of the Lady Chapel. We have also repaired the merlons (south roof), and the repointing of the east wall above the nave/chancel. We replaced the boiler and the radiators. In the Churchyard, we replaced the roof on the stocks, the shed, and the notice board. We have installed a defibrillator and new cycle racks.



## Re-ordering project

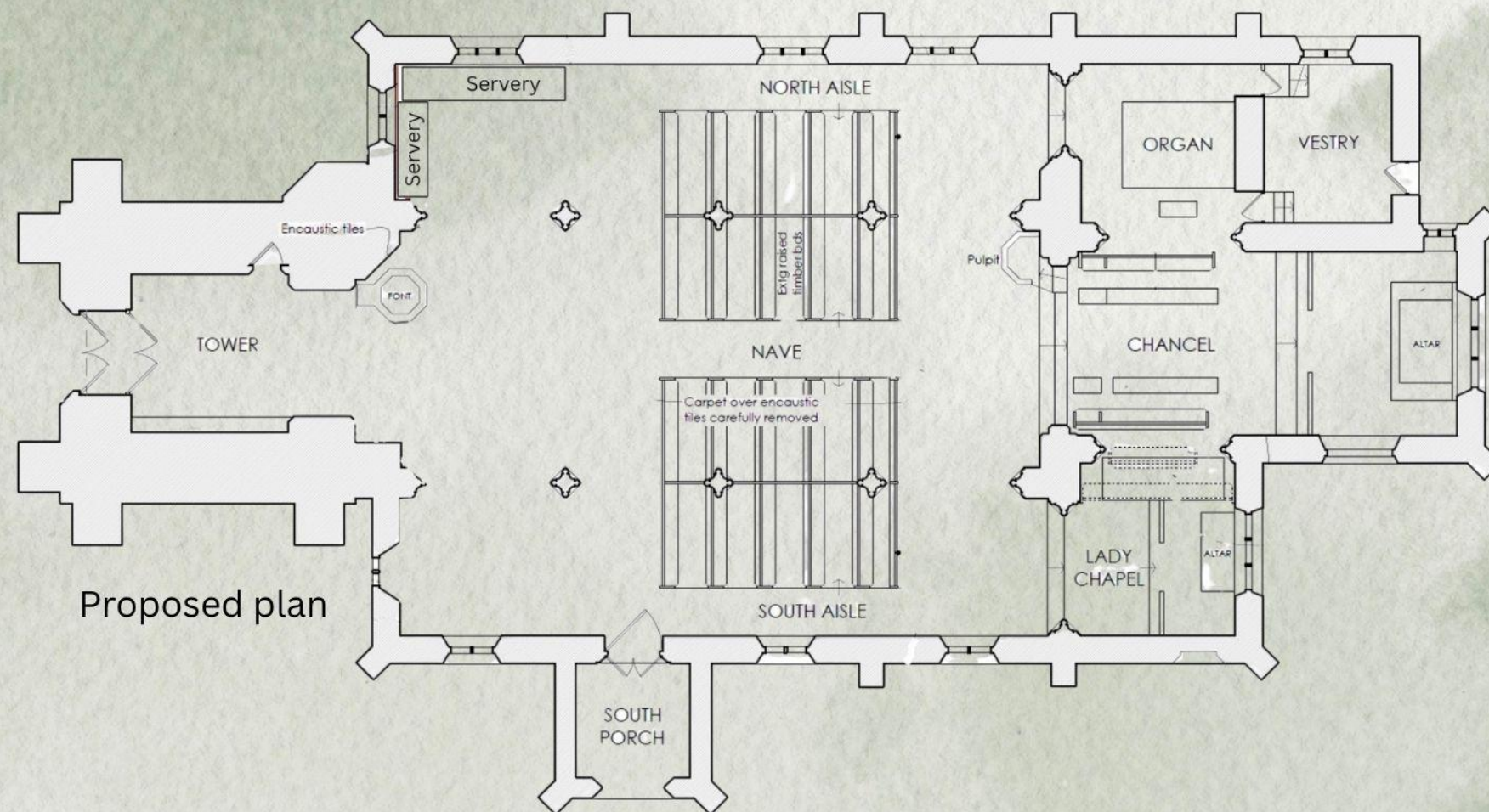
In 2023/2024 we wrote a Business Plan which was approved by the Parochial Church Council. In that document we explained that for the Church to remain open and actively maintained we would need to increase its use. We started looking at what there is in the Parish, and took part in a Parish Review, which confirmed our view that we needed to open up the church as a community space for people to meet and engage.



## So what does re-ordering mean?

We plan to clear the pews from the rear section of the church – as shown in our artists impressions. To support the space, we'll improve the Servedy, so we can serve light lunches as well as offering a wider range of refreshments, and offer a safe warm space for those who need it.

Whilst the floor is up, we plan to put in under floor heating to make the space very useable for socialising, meetings and activities.



We plan to remove a couple of pews from the front of the church to improve accessibility but also because this will make more space for musical and performance events.

We'll try to re-purpose as many of the pews and floorboards as we can, for Servedy units, new vestment box etc.



## What does it cost?

The new boiler and radiators, part of the project, were installed and paid for, by generous donations large and small from the community, and a large grant from the Parish Council.



Proposed illustrations

The estimates we have had for the rest of the project come to about £90,000.00. That's a lot of noughts! We have applied to various Trusts and Funding bodies, and this year so far we have been awarded £13,200.00.

We have just started work on a National Lottery application, but it's very early stages.



## What can you do?

Please continue to support our calendar of events – these events help to raise the £24,000.00 we are currently required to pay the Diocese for our Parish Share and leave a small margin for maintenance and heating.

If you prefer to donate specifically to the re-ordering project, please make sure click on the correct icon on the PAYAZ machine, or make your intentions clear if paying cash or a cheque.

If you donate to the church without making your intentions clear, the money will be added to our general funds and not the re-ordering project.

## Will you join us?

We need more hands-on help, writing grant applications, and people to help identify significant donors. Do you have skills you could offer?

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