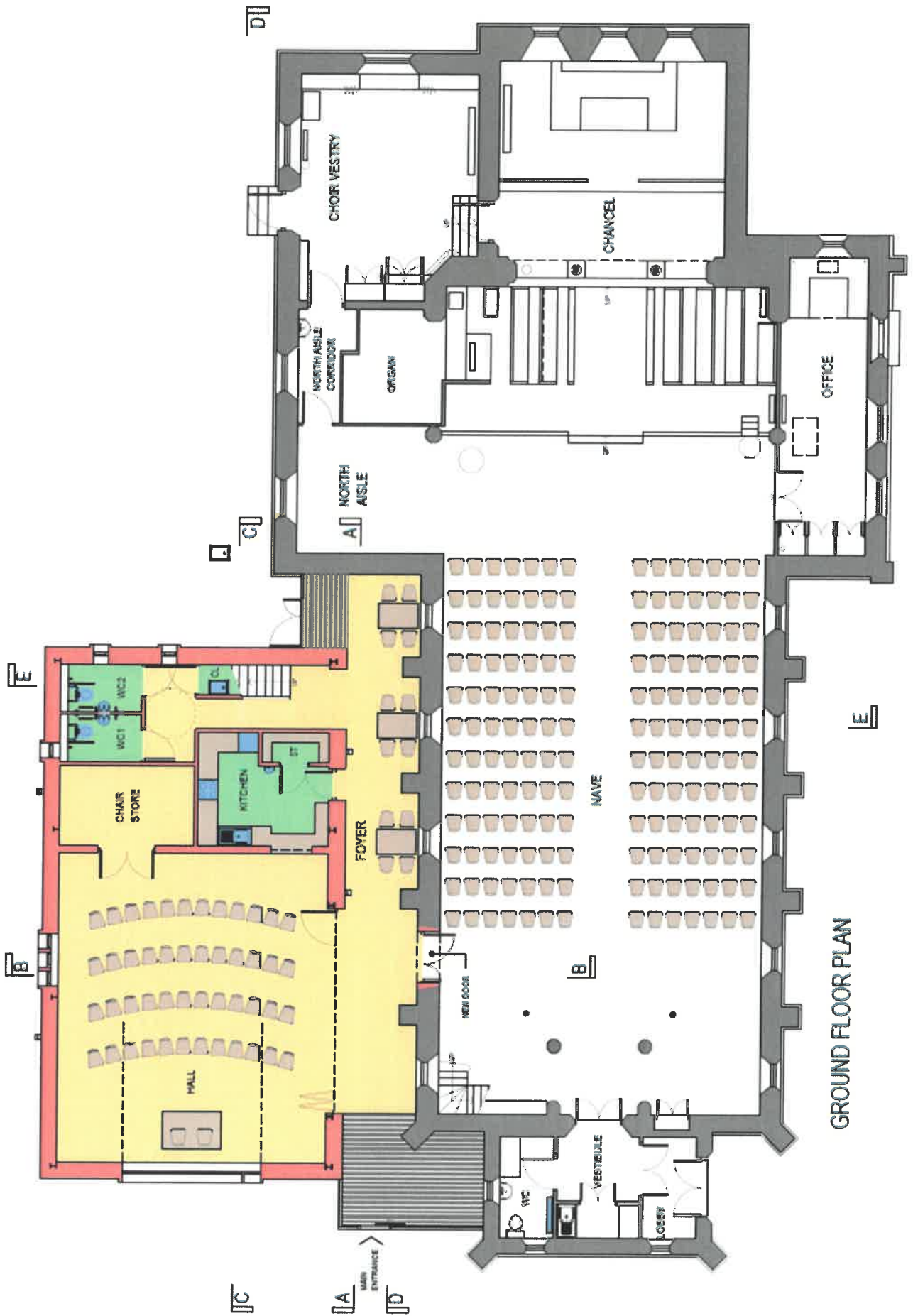


# Holy Trinity Church, Washington Parish and Community Extension



The Proposal  
Summer 2018



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

Holy Trinity, Washington serves a large urban parish of approximately 23,000 people. The church is used on a daily basis for both worship and numerous other activities. It has worshipping community of about 230 people and an annual footfall through the building, in excess, of 15,000! The PCC (*Parochial Church Council*) would love to see the church becoming an even greater focus for parish and community life and for the church building to be better able to serve the needs of the community. At the very least the church has need of greatly improved kitchen and toilet facilities but, in addition, we would like new meeting spaces for both parish and community use.

## **The Proposals**

The proposal is to build a new building immediately adjacent to the north west of the existing church and parallel to the nave and in a style entirely sympathetic to the existing church. The new building would be integrated into the existing building by means of a glass atrium, with an entrance from the rear of the nave, but would also be capable of operating entirely independently of the existing church, with its own separate entrances. The glass atrium and other provisions (lighting and decoration) would ensure that the existing church has as little light loss as possible. The new building would provide much needed kitchen and toilets facilities but also provide two additional meeting spaces for use by both the church and community. For further and more detailed information about the proposals please see the architect's drawings and specifications which can be found in this



**We hope that the new extension** might enable a real and more effective intersection between church life and that of the wider community.

### **What next?**

Now that we have good plans the PCC wants to be happy that there is good support for this project. It would also like a good indication from the Church and Local Authority planners that the scheme is seen as viable and likely to receive planning permission. This is something that will be pursued over the summer. If you have views, ideas or concerns about this project please speak to the Clergy or to any member of the PCC.



However, the PCC believes that the church building still lacks key facilities which would enable the church to pursue, more effectively, its pastoral, liturgical and missional agenda and to fulfil its vision of seeing the building as a focus for community events and activities.

The needs can be divided into three sections: ***Common use, Integrated use,*** and ***Separate use:***

### **Common Use**

**A kitchen** is required in order to provide a better and fuller range of hospitality. This will greatly enhance the life of the worshipping community, be a resource for outreach (lunch clubs, prayer breakfasts, holiday hunger events etc.) but also be a resource for community organisations.

(after service refreshments and occasional parish breakfasts and lunches etc.). At present the church only has a choir vestry which needs to be shared by numerous users and is not suitable for the types of activities we envisage.

**An extension would enable large community events** (concerts, art festivals, school events, some social events etc.) to be staged more successfully by providing vital space for hospitality (gathering space, interval refreshments etc.) and “green room” space for performers.

**The new centre** would offer the possibility of receptions following services (especially funeral teas or baptism parties but also small wedding receptions).

### **Separate use**

**Midweek church groups** (Mothers’ Union, GiFT, Craft group, Toddle-in, Youth Group etc.) could meet in the new centre if the space was more appropriate and smaller parish social events could take place there.

**Outreach events** (Lunch Clubs, holiday hunger events etc) could be developed within the new centre.

**Community groups** (U3A, uniformed organisations, fitness etc). With appropriate use the new centre could operate alongside a worshipping activity in the church (e.g. a funeral). All sorts of appropriate social events could take place in the centre such as beetle drives, quiz nights, and dinners.

If there is clearly good support, and if the indications from the planners are positive, we will then need to tackle our fundraising with huge enthusiasm, determination, and commitment.

This will be our biggest building project since 1886! The amount to raise may seem daunting but God is an amazing God and if he is calling us to do this then we pray that the money will be found, and offered, and that the church building will be an even more effective focus for our town and community.

Our hope is that during the Autumn we can really push on with our plans and it would be wonderful if we could begin building in the spring of 2020. Whatever happens, we are committed to serving this community in Jesus' name and being a place of welcome and hospitality.



booklet. In addition to the extension we hope to provide a disabled parking area immediately to the east of the new extension and to improve vehicular access to it.

### **Why do we need it and why do you need it now?**

In 2016 the PCC (*Parochial Church Council*) carried out a major refurbishment and re-ordering of the church. This included re-ordering the nave to create greater flexibility of use and a new heating and lighting system. This has made the church building a much more comfortable, flexible and welcoming space and the nave has become much more usable for a variety of activities.



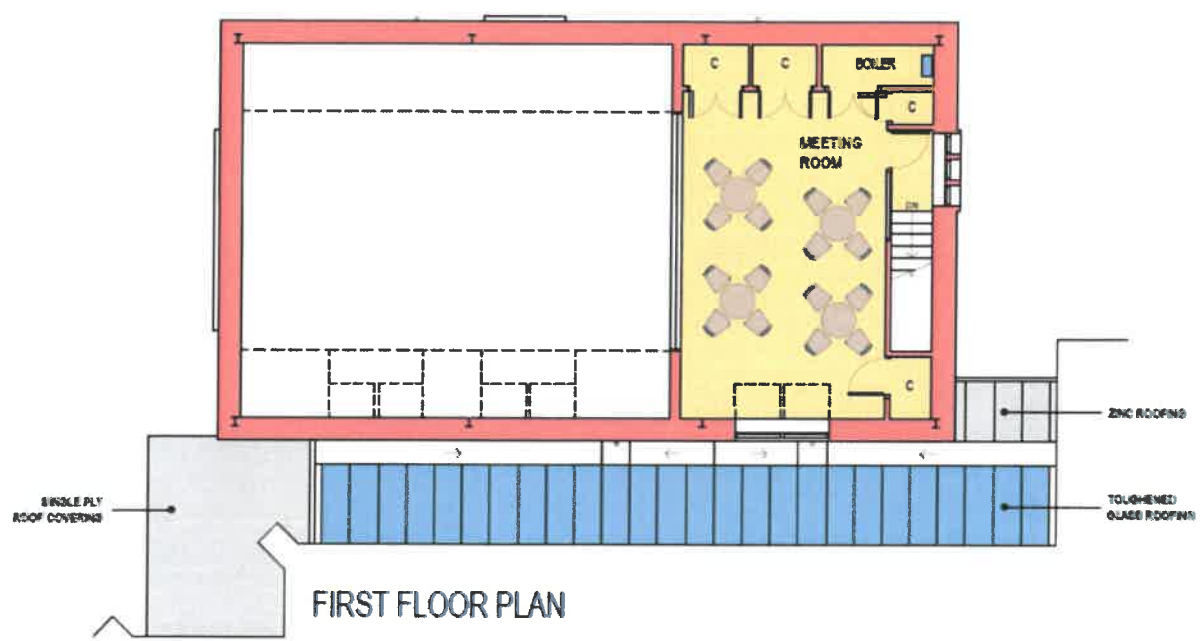
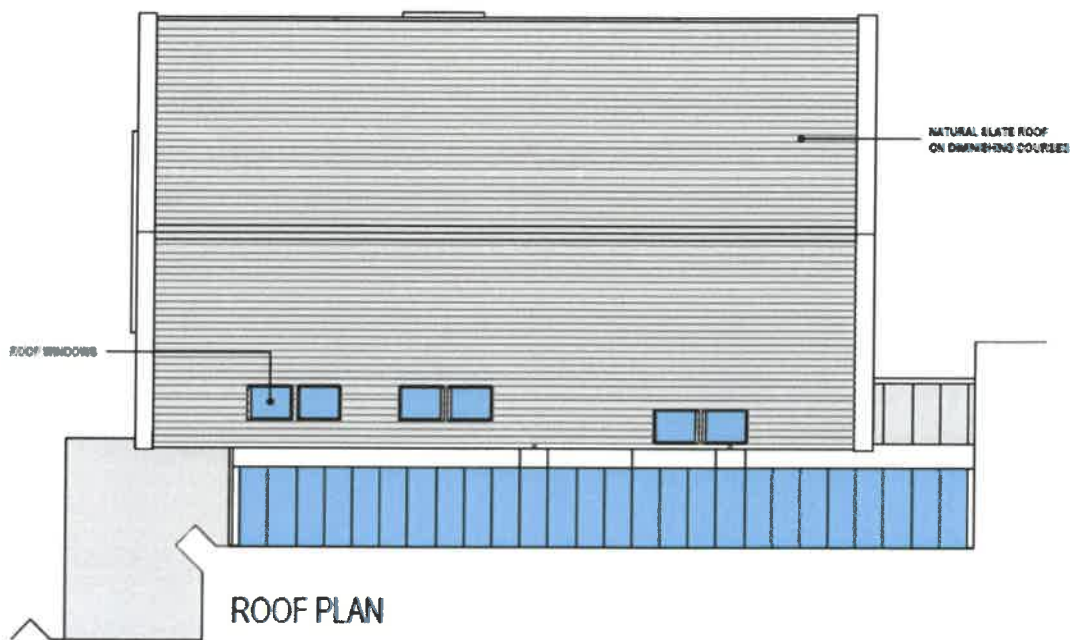


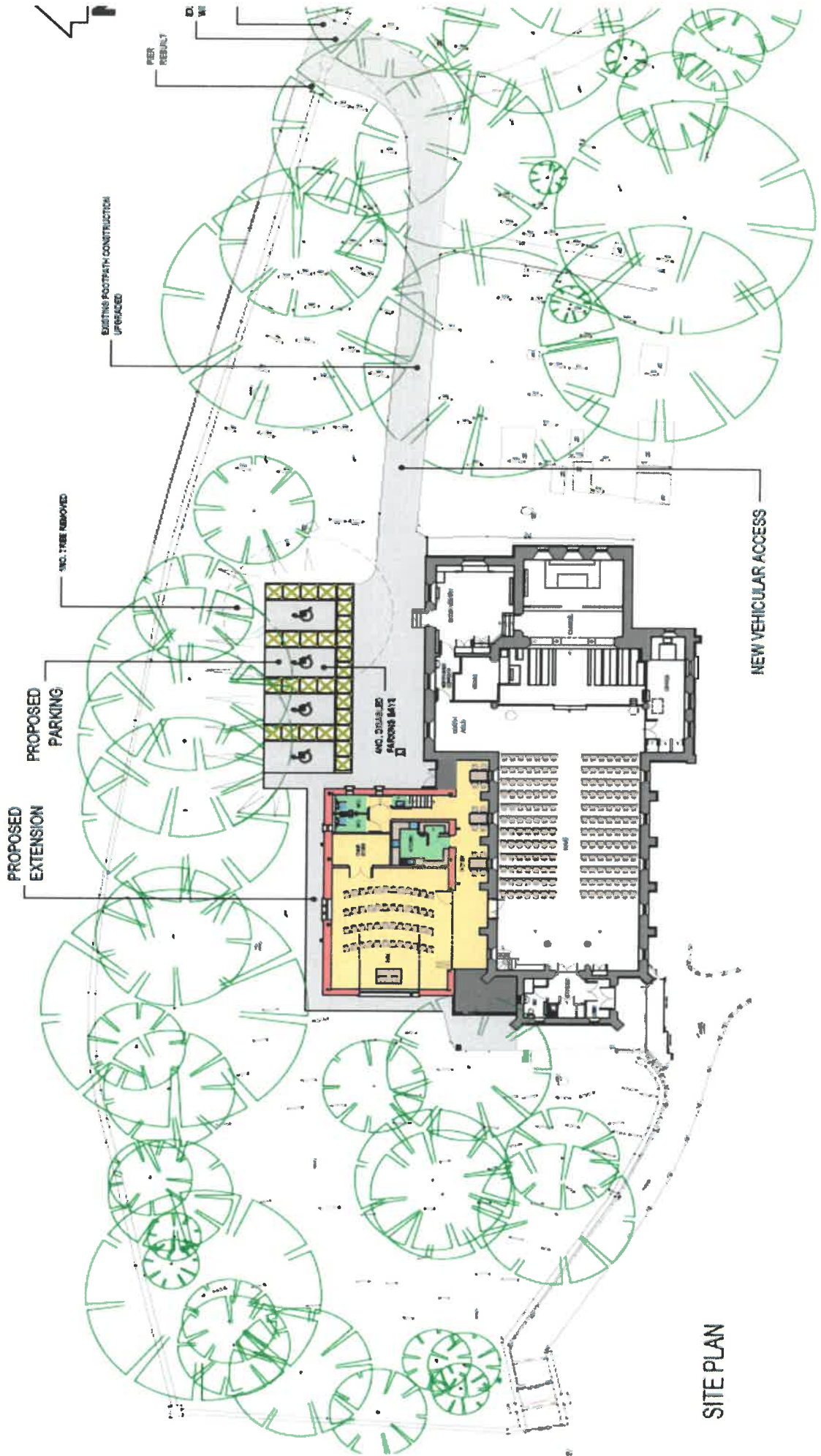
**Improved toilet facilities** are urgently required. Improved toilet facilities are required for worship (especially very large gatherings such as baptisms or major services). More importantly better toilet facilities will make more possible the use of the main church building as a venue for concerts and other cultural events. When these events have been held in the past the current single toilet provision has been woefully inadequate.

### **Integrated use**

**The worshipping community** needs additional space in order to provide facilities for activities to run alongside the main act of worship: Sunday Connect (worship for children and parents), a youth facility, a creche and a more suitable place for hospitality







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