



Are you sitting comfortably?



The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been successful in obtaining both the Faculty required to remove the pews and to replace them with chairs; and also with a funding application to **Viridor Credits** for a grant of almost £50,000. We have also made an application to Marshalls Charity for a further £5,800 towards the cost.

Then we'll begin.

The order for chairs and matching tables has now been placed with **Trinity Furniture** and, with a lead time of about 10 weeks, we hope to be using the new chairs during Holy Week and Easter. Between now and then we will be offering the old pews for sale for use indoors or outdoors, cut to size by **Selvin Paulwell** for a fee, ready to be collected, so register your interest with one of the churchwardens and spread the word amongst friends and family. A few pews will be retained and others will be donated for use in the St. Barnabas Chapel at Croydon University Hospital.



*Our special thanks go to **Judy Talmage** who acts as our grants officer and has been instrumental in obtaining over £138k in grants from firms such as Viridor Credits, Marshalls, and others for various projects in the last 8 years. Judy has used her experience honed in the charity sector to help St. George's. **Could you offer yours?***

The North Wall Annexe

Under the leadership of PCC Member **Steve Barker**, the focus of the Project Steering Group (PSG) is now the additional amenities to be provided by the **North Wall Annexe** and on their recommendation, and following a rigorous selection process, the PCC has engaged **Vicki Turner** and **Tim Hoskins** of Turner & Hoskins as architects on the



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project. “Vicki loves to work with people in their homes, teasing out the spaces they are looking for and

critically asking the right questions that are keys to unlocking a successful project. Tim has an excellent and in-depth knowledge of construction and building detailing. He can help ensure that a design can be realised as he really does know how to build stuff!”

A similarly rigorous process also saw the appointment of **Martin Kennedy** of **Stace LLP** as our quantity surveyor keeping a tight grip on the purse strings. “Martin has a wealth of experience on heritage and listed buildings.”



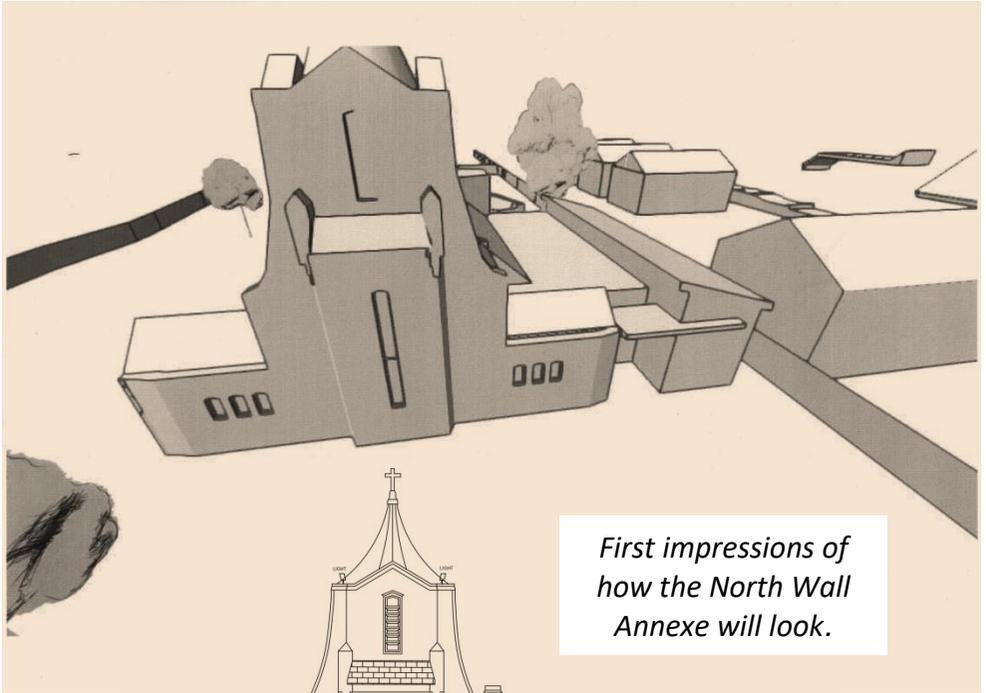
Under Martin’s guidance, the PSG have also appointed the following additional consultants to help with the finer detail:



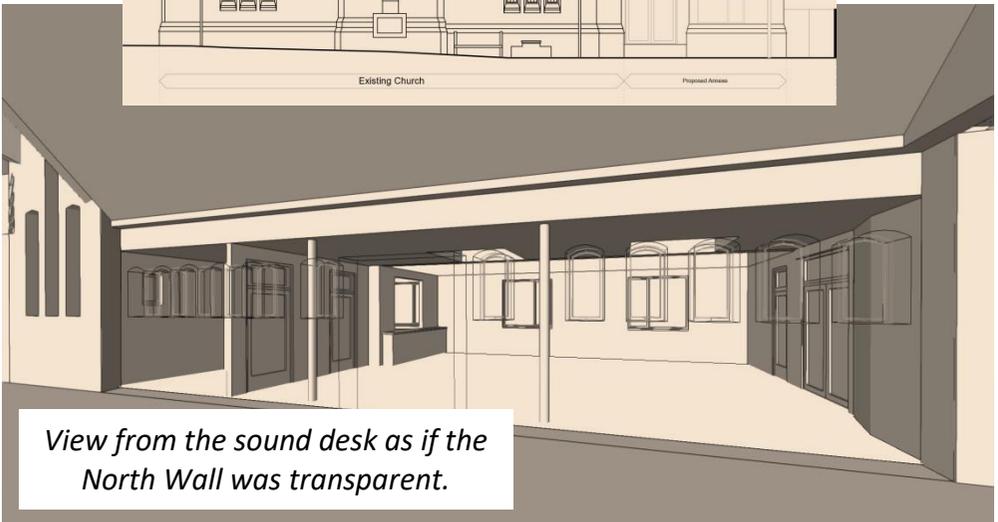
- Structural Engineer
- Electrical Engineer
- Mechanical Engineer

Incidentally, Martin and his wife, Ruth were married here in St. George’s in June 2019 and Martin is Susan and Ray Wheeler’s son-in-law.

How might the new annexe look?

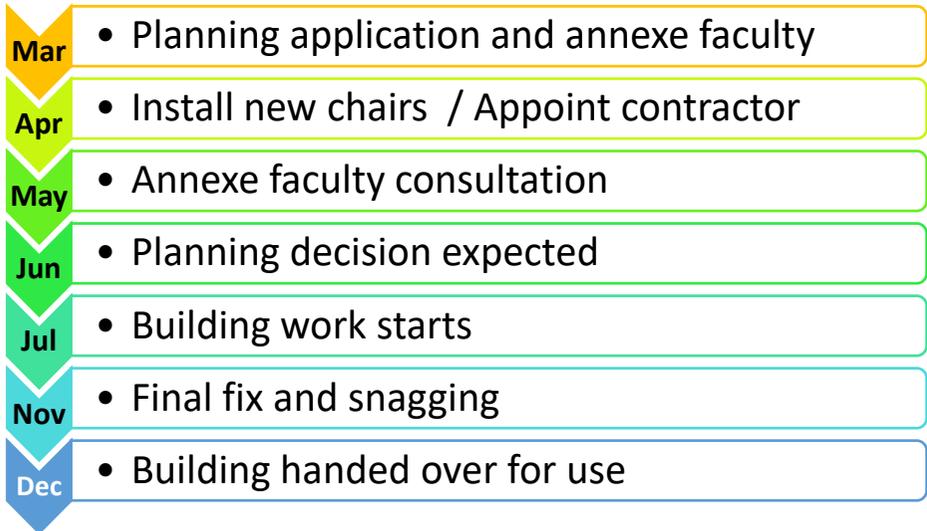


First impressions of how the North Wall Annexe will look.



View from the sound desk as if the North Wall was transparent.

A draft timetable for the Annexe 2022



What's happening with the Hall?

All the current hall users have been consulted about how we plan to handle the interruption to their activities while the old hall is demolished and a new hall built. We are planning to accommodate everything in the church and/or new annexe including Goslings Pre-School but we appreciate this will have to be done with sensitivity, flexibility and cooperation.

We are in partnership with the Diocese of Southwark on this project as it involves developing both parish and diocesan land, subject to planning permission being granted.

The new hall will give the local community a modern and accessible hub in which to develop activities at the heart of the Monks Orchard area of Shirley.

If you want to know more then please contact a member of the PSG: Steve Barker (Lead), Susan Wheeler (Deputy lead), Heather Barker, Alexander Baldwin-Smith, Sophie Clayton, Derek Hands, Revd Barry Hengist, Jan Payne, Judy Talmage, or Ray Wheeler.