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# HOLY CROSS CHURCH, SEEND

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**The works to fit our Church building for the 21st Century have been completed but efforts continue to fund the changes**

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The Kitchenette/servery unit and open space



The rustic WC facility in the NE corner of the churchyard



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## **Background**

Our church here in Seend was built in about 1450 to serve the local community. It was built by a group of local benefactors, and has been supported by our community and congregation ever since. Over the centuries it has seen many changes meeting the needs of its people, but the current configuration was designed 100 years ago for services such as Matins, where people stayed in their pews, and children were not encouraged to come into Church at all.

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## **What has been achieved**

A mains water supply has been laid to the church to supply the new WC, the kitchenette and an outside tap.

At the front of the Church more space has been created for weddings, funerals and concerts by removing the front row of pews and raising the floor level. At the rear of the church some pews have been removed and the floor levels raised with ramps, to improve accessibility and create a space around the font for baptisms; for people to mingle after a service; and at other events. The beautiful new kitchenette/servery unit has been installed adjacent to this. This open area will also be available as a play space for the younger members of the congregation. Thanks to individual sponsors, stacking chairs have been provided to make up for the lost pew seating.

A fully accessible disabled friendly WC has been built in the NE corner of the churchyard which will be available during services and events. The level access via the south door of the church has also been improved by the installation of pathway lighting, which has also been extended to the WC.

It has been a long journey but what has been achieved is appropriate and befitting to a much loved and ancient church.

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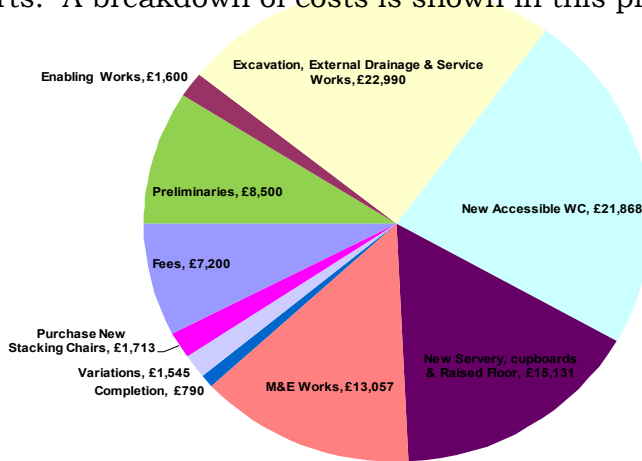
Website: [www.Seend.org.uk/ChurchAppeal](http://www.Seend.org.uk/ChurchAppeal)

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## Costs

The original estimate for the proposed works was £130,000. The final cost is expected to be of the order of £120,000 depending on the VAT as some works are zero rated. We have already raised over 60% of this through donations, legacies, grants and other sums set aside for this purpose. The Salisbury Diocese have agreed to loan the outstanding sum whilst we continue fundraising efforts. A breakdown of costs is shown in this pie chart



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## Please Make a Donation Now

We hope that you believe as we do that these improvements will help to sustain our beautiful church in the community over many years to come. If you would like to make a one off donation to our fundraising that will be extremely helpful. However, if you would prefer to pledge a regular amount, say monthly or annually over a period of two to five years that would be fantastic, as with the financial support of the Salisbury Diocese, we will be able to spread the fundraising over five years.

**Please make cheques payable to: Seend PCC OR complete the Standing Order Form overleaf. Boost your donation by 25% by completing a Gift Aid\* Declaration too. Send your cheque and/or completed forms to the Treasurer, details opposite.**

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## \*Gift Aid

The Government operates a **Gift Aid** scheme that allows charities to claim back the basic rate tax on every pound donated. So if you donate £100 to this appeal, and you are a taxpayer, it means that you'll actually be contributing at least £125, at no extra cost to you. The process is very simple - all you have to do is to complete the Gift Aid Declaration overleaf and we will do the rest.

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# ***Gift Aid Declaration - Holy Cross Church, Seend***

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.** Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

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I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to: Seend PCC/Holy Cross Church, Seend. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title:.....First Name(s) or Initials:.....

Surname:.....

1st Line of Address:..... Postcode:.....

Date: .....Signature:.....

**Please notify the charity if you:** 1. want to cancel this declaration; 2. change your name or home address; 3. no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

## ***Standing Order Form***

Please pay: Santander Bank

For the credit of: Seend PCC

Sort Code: 09-01-28 Account Number: 37153943.

The sum of: (in numbers and words): £.....  
In Words:.....

Commencing on the.....day of.....in the year.....and thereafter every month/year (delete as appropriate) and

Ending on the.....day of.....in the year.....

Name of Account to be debited: Your account Name

Account number: Your account number

Sort code: Your account sort code

To the Manager  
Bank name & Address: Your Bank

Date: Signature: