

Summary of Questionnaires

How well do our buildings serve the churches activities?

- Make use of what space we have but sense of not having enough meeting rooms, inadequate toilet and kitchen facilities.
- Becoming harder to use.
- Takes a fair bit of effort to change furniture around for different activities i.e. Stepping Stones.
- Having use of the Manse rooms has helped but still a shortage of rooms especially on a Sunday morning.
- Praise God that they are used for so much despite shortcomings!

Do the buildings have shortcomings? If so how do these hinder the work and ongoing activities of the Church?

- Accessing toilets through kitchen, especially when food prep or washing up is happening.
- Heating – inefficient and potentially dangerous when small children are playing near them also has the effect of sending people to sleep in sermons!
- No clear entrance.
- Overcrowded and no flow space on Sunday mornings and it is very difficult to have conversations and fellowship with people after a morning service as it can be too noisy.
- Not everyone can see the screen well.
- Need more/better rooms for children/youth groups. Sunday School is disturbed and constrained by the Sunday service and visa versa.
- Have to go outside to get to Sunday school or crèche.
- Outside not particularly safe for children to play in – could get out the front and onto road quite easily and the cover over the cellar is unsafe.
- Lack of good storage for all the groups that use the church.
- Poor lighting.
- Décor inside and out in dull and boring and in a poor state of repair.
- More uncluttered space needed. It feels like there is a lot of dead space that is not used effectively.

What specific things do you want to see as a result of the redevelopment proposals?

- New kitchen with a dishwasher, serving hatch. A specific coffee bar area.
- Separate toilet access, more toilets and better baby change facilities.
- A proper clearly visible glass entrance that does not hinder wheelchair users or those with buggies and also allows people to see inside and see what is going on.
- A better welcoming area.
- Some additional seating on a Sunday. New seats that stack and are easy to move plus with smaller seats might get more in.
- Enough Sunday school rooms 4 plus crèche room plus teenage group room. A room for counselling/prayer

- A crèche that has the services piped through to it – maybe behind a glass screen that would allow for parents to not feel like they were leaving the service.
- A nice safe garden for the children to play in and people to chat in.
- Better heating allowing more control and efficiency.
- Better flow space.
- A defined car parking area with paths that cannot be parked on!
- More storage.
- Appropriate security to allow use of certain areas of the church and not others.
- Contemporary appearance. Lighter walls.
- Move the sound desk so it is at the back of church and in front of the speakers.
- Two projection screen so that they can be seen from all parts of the church.
- Better baptistery in a location that people can see easily.

What message do our buildings give to passers by and visitors?

- That is a church of some kind.
- Dated buildings could equal dated message.
- Buildings are not loved.
- Not welcoming – where is the entrance?!
- Some private club.
- The post box on the corner is better known than the church!

What message should the buildings be giving to passers by and visitors?

- That we are a vibrant, active church centred around God's word and serving Him faithfully in the community.
- Welcoming, used and loved.
- Relevant for current era.
- A comfortable place to spend some time.
- A safe place for people to take refuge.
- Clearer and more up-to-date notice board so people know who we are and what is going on.