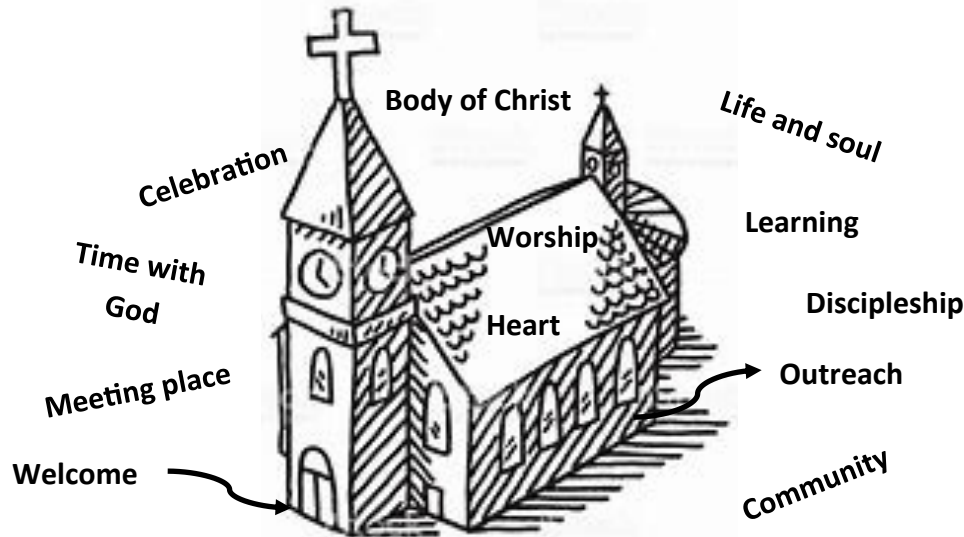


## Dreaming the future!

How do you think God sees our church?  
What are the plans He has for us that will leave the church in a better place for generations to come?



Your ideas, views and comments welcome here:

Please use additional paper if required and attach.



## Welcome to our 'Church Building Survey' We need your views!



*Your responses to this survey will really make a difference to the success of the Building Transformation Project - we'd love responses from each member of St Mary's!*

Your personal details and the responses you send will be confidential and read only by the Churchwardens and two others assisting with compiling the results - the compiled survey responses will be anonymised.

*St Mary's Data Protection Policy can be read on our website:*  
[www.stmarysely.org](http://www.stmarysely.org)

Surname: .....

Christian name: .....

Age range (please tick): 5-10 [ ], 11-17 [ ], 18-30 [ ], 31-50 [ ], 50+ [ ]

Address: .....

..... Postcode: .....

Email: .....

**Please return this survey by 30 September 2018 by:**

- leaving in the 'Church Building Survey' box in Church.
- post to: St Mary's Church Office, St Mary's Street, Ely, CB7 4HF  
(please mark the envelope 'Church Building Survey')
- scanning and emailing to: [BTP@stmarysely.org](mailto:BTP@stmarysely.org)

**Thank You - now please turn over!**

### ***‘Nurturing a confident people of God’***

#### **1. For you, which of the following best describes ‘the church’?**

*You can tick more than one*

- |                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| The house of God      | The house of the people of God |
| A sign of the Kingdom | Pilgrims on the journey        |
| The body of Christ    | The people of God              |
| Something else .....  |                                |

### ***‘Developing healthy churches’***

#### **2. How do you believe the church should be used?**

*Tick all those you are comfortable with*

- Sunday worship - in a variety of styles
- Weekday worship
- Pastoral offices (weddings/funerals)
- Special services/events
- Personal prayer at any time of day
- Christian based meetings/groups (Alpha course and similar)
- Outreach to casual visitors/tourists
  
- Workshops/lectures/discussion groups
- Drama/music (plays/concerts), art displays & exhibitions
- Local business meetings & events (e.g. book events)
- A place to discover local/St Mary’s history
- A community gathering space/day centre/lunch club

### ***‘Serving the community’***

#### **3. Do you think local people see the church as central to the life of the community?**

Yes/No

If yes, what do we offer that is central to local community life?

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If no, what could we offer/do to improve the way we are seen by others?

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### ***‘Re-imagining our buildings’***

#### **4. Is the outside of our building inviting? (Maybe go outside & think whether you would come in if you were a visitor to church/Ely.)**

Yes/No

4. cont: What is good? .....

What could be better? .....

**5. Our church needs to be flexible for worship and community use. It also needs to be accessible to everyone, able-bodied, wheelchair users, the infirm and children of all ages. **Within the main body of the church we propose to remove the pews and replace them with chairs, level the floor and install underfloor heating.****

***Do you agree that this should happen?*** Yes/No

If no, how do we make our building fully accessible?

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**6. We propose to create a vestry and storage area at the far end of the chancel (altar end) , bring the altar table forward, level the floor area and provide a ramp from the main body of the church to the chancel area. The east window will still be totally visible.**

***Do you agree that this should happen?*** Yes/No

**7. We propose to install a WC within the church building (located in the crèche area).**

***Do you agree that this should happen?*** Yes/No

**8. We propose to extend the ground floor tower room used for the crèche and create a meeting room for children and adult groups from the existing vestry.**

***Do you agree that this should happen?*** Yes/No

**9. We propose to create an additional meeting room in the first floor tower room. Extra church seating will be available in a new balcony above the extended ground floor tower room.**

***Do you agree that this should happen?*** Yes/No