

We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following-

Please describe the works or other proposals for which a faculty is sought in the way recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in its Notification of Advice.

SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS

Most Anglican churches now use audio visual equipment as part of their regular services. At St. Mary's, the PCC have agreed to the installation of a system that would be capable of meeting both the special requirements of our services and worship, and also the needs and restrictions of our church. It will also be capable of live streaming to allow members of the congregation who are unable to attend in person.

The system that has been chosen is one to be provided by Audioworks (NW) Ltd. which utilizes a large projection screen mounted above the Chancel arch. The service and worship information will be projected onto the screen using a projector mounted at high level on the wall next to the siting of the control desk.

A pair of reference screens would be fitted to the chancel side of the front pillars. These would relay the projected information back to the platform and chancel. Ambient microphones would be mounted next to these screens to pick up the congregational singing and organ music. For the live streaming system, two cameras will be installed.

A control desk would be at rear of the Nave. This would be a lockable cabinet to house the control equipment and would offer a suitable control position.

Although not part of this Faculty Application there will also be a limited upgrading of our sound system. The controls for both will be located within the control desk cabinet. It is anticipated that the majority of the cabling will be routed under the floor out of sight, following existing cable routes. The impact on the Church fabric and stonework will be minimal. The brackets holding up the projector, feedback screens and the live streaming cameras will be located in mortar rather than directly in the stone pillars.

The installation of this facility will be a significant step forward in the way that we do things in terms of the variety and capability of our services and in the way that we use our Church space. As well as being more welcoming for our community, these facilities will allow us to be more open to school participation and learning. Our existing choir will also benefit, as will community choirs. This capability will enable us to encourage the use of a wider variety of art forms within the Church and to promote the Christian message to a much wider field.

Copies of the Standard Information Form and any drawings, plans, specifications, photographs or other documents showing the proposals must be provided with this petition.