

Lymm St Mary – AV installation - Correspondence with parish and others

Date	Message
<p>02/07/2024</p> <p>To: Caroline Hilton From: Derek Buckthorpe</p> <p>With attachment</p>	<p>Please be aware that the PCC of St Mary's Lymm, will be making a faculty application to the DAC for the 12th of July 2024.</p> <p>The Application deals with the installation of Audio Visual equipment within the Church.</p> <p>We have been advised that it is appropriate to send this information to you ahead of our submission so that you can provide us with any important adjustments that we may needed to ensure a smooth passage through the decision making process.</p> <p>I attach for your information a full set of documents describing the intended installation. We have been working with a specialist provider Audioworks Ltd. who are to provide the equipment and perform the installation.</p> <p>You will see from the attached that the impact on the fabric of the Church is minimal. We have been careful to take advice on this.</p> <p>We trust that the enclosed covers all the necessary documentation needed and we look forward to receiving any suggestions that you can give.</p> <p>Faculty submission document</p>
<p>02/07/2024</p> <p>To: Derek Buckthorpe From: Caroline Hilton</p>	<p>Thank you for your email and attachment with the proposal information. This has been added to the agenda for the DAC meeting taking place on 26 July. We will send the details for review and let you know of any comments/queries that may arise.</p>
<p>09/08/2024</p> <p>To: Derek Buckthorpe From: David Bayley</p>	<p>Further to my email of the 31st July I write to advise the DAC considered the above application at its meeting on the 26th July and resolved, subject to satisfactory review of the AV Adviser, to recommend the scheme with the following provisos:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Any electrical works should be carried out by an electrical contractor accredited with the NICEIC or ECA, to the standards recommended in the Churchcare "Guidance Note: Electrical Wiring Installations in Churches" available via https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-11/CCB_Electrical-wiring-installations-in-churches_Apr-2013.pdf b. The fixings and cable run arrangement to be agreed with the Church Architect as is the usual requirement <p>In turn I can advise the AV advisor responded in favour of the scheme, with the following comments</p>

	<p>a. I note that they are using a traditional projector and motorised drop down screen. We have found in several places that this type of system is affected by sunlight. I note that Lymm church has high level clerestory windows, with clear glass. Has any account been taken as to if sunlight on some days (for example in June and July) affect the screen. Before we replaced the projector/screen with a large LED TV, we had to install pull down blinds on the high level windows in the south aisle, as it was very difficult to see the screen on some days, due to sunlight. This is the main reason why we changed from a projector to a 90" LED TV.</p> <p>b. I cannot see from the application any details about cabling for the power supply for the drop down screen (source, cable route, etc).</p> <p>c. I also note that it is planned to control this screen by a hand held remote control. The problem with a remote control is that get lost and mislaid, or the batteries go flat when you need them (this has happened to us many times). I would personally prefer to see some form of hard wired control for the screen.</p> <p>If you can provide comment on items a. and c. and information in response to b. then Caroline and I can look to progress the application.</p>
<p>11/08/2024</p> <p>To: David Bayley From: Derek Buckthorpe</p>	<p>Thank you very much for your e-mail and message from the DAC and the AV Advisor. We are very pleased that the DAC have decided to recommend the scheme we propose. We are always ready to follow DAC advice and use suitably accredited Electricians for all the work we carry out in Church.</p> <p>Please be aware also that our Architect is Edward Kepczyk of Buttress Architects Ltd. who is also the Architect for the DAC. Edward therefore has a conflict of Interest with regard to the DAC decisions when it come to St Mary's and therefore should not have commented on anything from St Mary's within the DAC.</p> <p>As requested we will forward to you as soon as possible our comments on a) and c) and information on b) in response to the comments from the AV Advisor who you note is also in favour of the scheme so that the next step in the process can proceed.</p>
<p>12/08/2024</p> <p>To: Derek Buckthorpe From: David Bayley</p>	<p>For reference – the DAC meeting agenda notes declarations of interest and where churches / parishes under discussion involve people present they withdraw from the meeting. In the case of the July meeting where the Lymm scheme was discussed Ed was actually absent due to illness.</p>
<p>15/08/2024</p> <p>To: David Bayley From: Derek Buckthorpe</p>	<p>Thankyou very much for your e-mail of the 9th August on the St Mary's PCC Faculty Application.</p> <p>Please find attached responses to the questions raised by the Audio Visual Advisor on the Audio Visual Faculty Application from St Mary's Church in Lymm.</p>

<p>With attachments</p>	<p>Comments are provided (in red) after each of the three questions a) to c) raised by the Audio Visual Advisor and further information given in two further files in support of question b).</p> <p>I trust this is sufficient for you to progress the application.</p> <p>Responses to questions from AV Adviser Electric sockets locations (marked up on photographs) Electrical requirements for AV system of Audioworks</p>
<p>13/01/2025</p> <p>To: Derek Buckthorpe From: Caroline Hilton</p>	<p>I have the Notification of Advice ready to put through the Online Faculty System, but I've realised there is one point I need to check with you. I note the control desk is proposed to be in the place currently occupied by the rear south side pew in the nave. Please can you let me know where the pew will be relocated to when it is moved. I need to ask this, as the Registrar and Chancellor will want to know that information when they look at the application.</p>
<p>16/01/2025</p> <p>To: Caroline Hilton From: Derek Buckthorpe</p> <p>With attachment</p>	<p>Thankyou very much for your e-mail. We have discussed the siting of the Sound and Vision Desk at length.</p> <p>Currently our sound desk is around halfway down the Nave on the South Side. We are going to locate the new control desk at the rear pew again on the South Side.</p> <p>We will either locate it at the last pew where the desk can be free standing or the next to rear pew where the desk will be sited over the pew immediately in front of it. Either way no further pews will be removed or will need relocating.</p> <p>Indeed, we intend to move the current sound desk to this location to provide us with some experience of having the desk in these locations in advance of the installation.</p> <p>Photograph – rear pews on south side</p>
<p>16/01/2025</p> <p>To: Caroline Hilton From: Derek Buckthorpe</p> <p>With attachment</p>	<p>A further picture which may also help.</p> <p>Photograph 2 – rear pews on south side</p>
<p>13/02/2025</p> <p>File Note of telephone conversation between Caroline Hilton and Derek Buckthorpe</p>	<p>File Note</p> <p>I called Derek Buckthorpe to check I was correcting understanding his email of 13/01/2025 that no pew is to be moved for the sound desk. Derek confirmed no pew is to be moved.</p>
