

Meeting with Mark Lidster, DAC buildings adviser

10th June 2025 - St Michael & All Angels, Flax Bourton

Mark visited Flax Bourton to advise the PCC on proposals to replace existing gas central heating system with electrical alternative. Details of a possible Halo installation from Herschel were presented and discussed.

Key points of discussion/advice as follows:

Preparatory works:

- Three phase installation might be authorised under List A/B (not full faculty), using existing putlogs in masonry.
- Parish is advised to seek installation price comparisons asap (could be in region of £15k)

Faculty application:

- Commence asap - typical timescale 9 mths but not unreasonable to achieve before winter on this scheme.
- Detail of the structural bracket/fixing to ceiling will be crucial to get right and DAC will ask about this. Consider design to match Halo itself.
- Include all the Herschel design options and indicate preference with reasons.
- 'Show our working' - give reasons for why we have chosen certain locations and design options plus demonstrate how we have considered and discounted others.

Statutory consultations:

- Church Buildings Council (CBC) - interested in effect of higher heat levels on fabric. Important to make list of key fabric items (minimal) and demonstrate no impact.
- Other Amenity Socs - main concern will be visual impact eg brackets and cable routes

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