

# Crawley Parish



## St Francis and St Anthony (The Friary)

### *Proposals for Redevelopment 2007*

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#### INTRODUCTION

The current Friary Church was built in 1959, the architect being H. Goodhart-Rendel. Open every day throughout the hours of daylight, it serves as a focal point for the worshipping community of central Crawley, as well as being a haven of quiet and a place to pray for many visitors, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

For some time now, it has been obvious to many, both parishioners and visitors, that the Church is in urgent need of redevelopment. What follows in this leaflet is a description of the scope of works that we hope will restore the Friary to a dignified place of worship for all who pass through its doors. But for this to happen, we need to work together as a community.



## ACCESSIBILITY

Disability legislation requires us to provide access through the main door of the Church for everybody – including those who require a wheelchair for mobility, something we are currently unable to do.

## DISABLED TOILET FACILITIES

The only toilet we have in the Church is in the sacristy and does not meet accessibility standards either. Here, as in other places around the Church, water is leaking in through the flat roofs.



## DILAPIDATION

The walls of the Church are solid brick, without any gap for insulation. Water coming in from the outside joins with condensation from the inside and paint easily peels from the walls.



## THE SANCTUARY

The sanctuary is the place where the altar, ambo and presider's chair need to be accessible to clergy and ministers, even those with limited mobility. The current arrangement of steps denies such access, and has been identified as presenting a health and safety issue.

## HEATING, LIGHTING AND SOUND

The heating system is noisy and ineffective, and poor filtration contributes to a build-up of dirt on the walls. The lighting is poor and out of date by modern, more ecological standards and the sound system is likewise ineffective and unreliable.



## GENERAL DECORATION

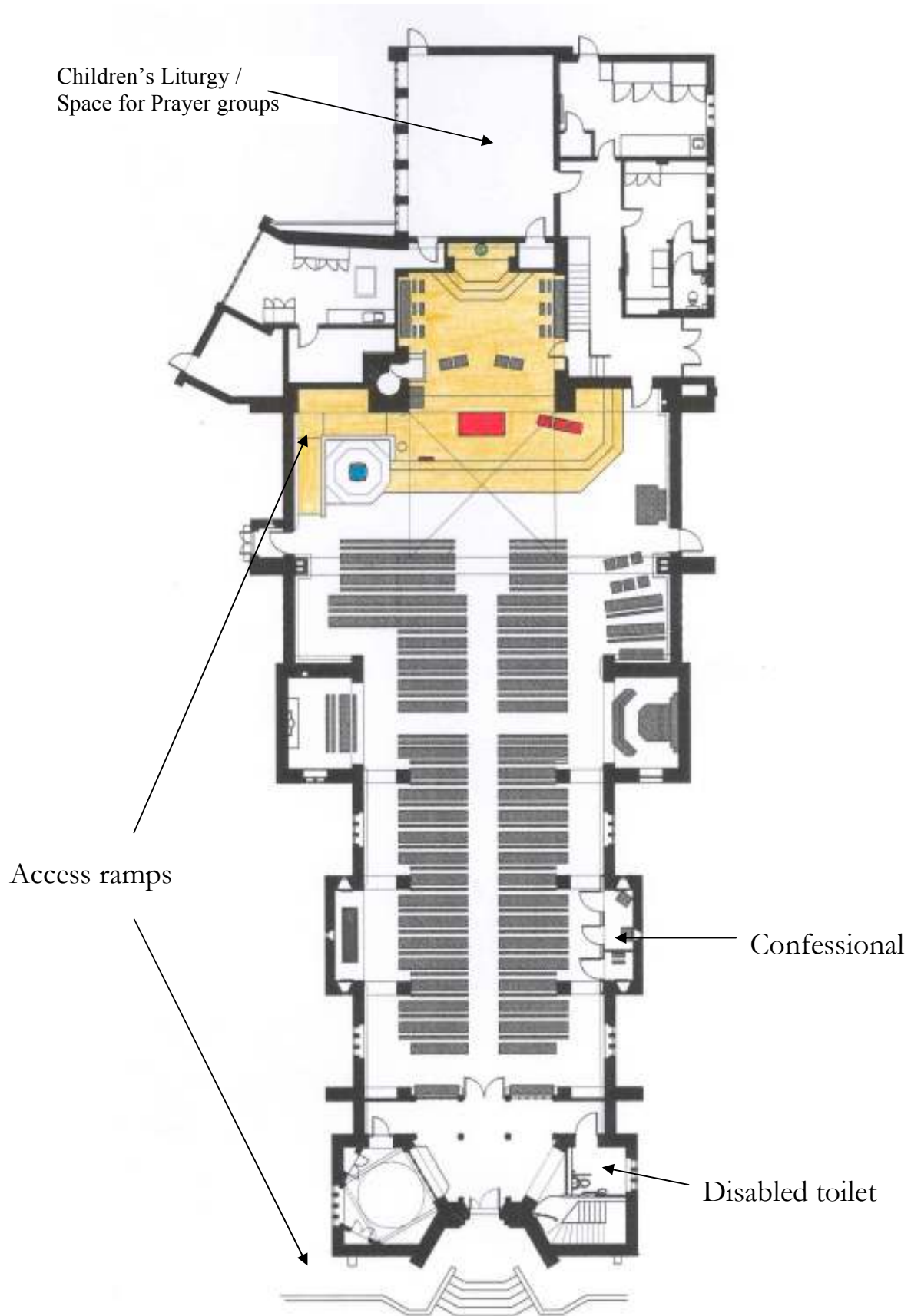
Over the years, the problems listed above have conspired to leave the Church in clear need of complete redecoration.

*An artist's impression of a redeveloped Friary.*



*The Friary – Proposals for Redevelopment*

Proposed plans for the redevelopment



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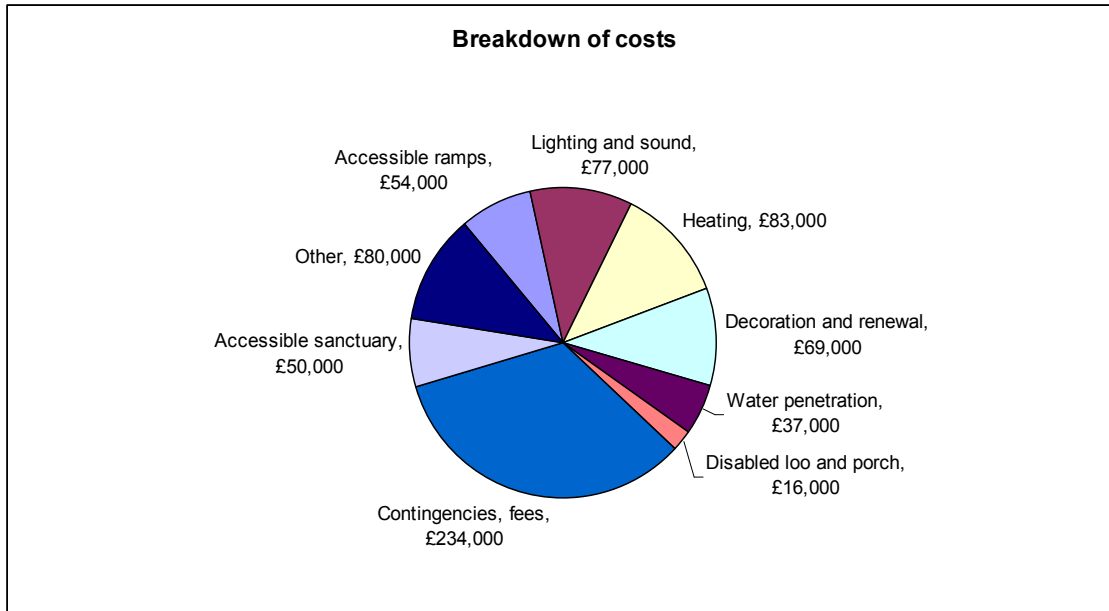
## THE PROPOSALS

- Accessibility –
  - Create an access ramp at the front of the Church, with a broader step immediately outside the Church;
  - Add an access ramp to the sanctuary
  - Construct a disabled toilet in the narthex area
  
- Water ingress –
  - Treat the outside of the Church with a sealant and the inside with a breathable paint.
  - Renew the flashings, guttering and flat roofs to seal them.
  
- Heating, lighting and sound
  - Update heating system to include more efficient heaters with filters
  - Renew lighting system along the lines of Goodhart-Rendel's design.
  - Install new sound system.
  
- Redecoration –
  - Dry-line chapels wherever possible to improve insulation.
  - Paint the walls
  
- Re-ordering
  - Create a dedicated space for Children's Liturgy and small prayer groups.
  - Simplify sanctuary area to improve access and celebration of the liturgy
  - Create confessional in side-chapel to conform with child protection guidelines
  
- Items dependent on additional fundraising / grants
  - Restore the painted ceiling to its original state.
  - Mirror in style and quality Our Lady's chapel with St Anthony's chapel.
  - Improve Repository area by leveling the floor and increasing its visibility

It is important to note that these are still working proposals and we welcome your feedback. There is a space on the back of this leaflet for you to add your comments, thoughts and / or questions. We promise to consider all the feedback we receive.

## COSTING THE PROPOSED ALTERATIONS

*These costs are drawn from the budget plan prepared by our Quantity Surveyors, based on the scope of works submitted by the architect. The level of VAT to be added can only be assessed once a decision on listing has been reached by English Heritage.*



*Total estimated cost* £700,000.00

### *Available funds:*

The Friary Development Fund	£170,000.00	
The Scawen Blunt Trust	£90,000.00	
Trusts (inc the Diocese)	<u>£230,000.00</u>	
Subtotal	£490,000.00	- £490,000.00

Shortfall £210,000.00

How can we make up this shortfall?

Current fundraising:	£16,000.00 per year
Patrons of the Friary:	£500.00 per year
Friends of the Friary:	£2.00 per week

### *Over five years...*

Fundraising	£80,000.00	
12 Patrons	£30,000.00	
200 Friends	<u>£100,000.00</u>	
Subtotal	£210,000.00	£210,000.00

## HOW DO WE MAKE IT HAPPEN?

A project such as this relies on the prayers and generosity of every member of the community. We cannot responsibly begin work without being certain that sufficient resources will be available. The Diocesan Finance Committee will, of course, be seeking assurances regarding our funding. They next meet on 20<sup>th</sup> July and we would like to be in a position to make a confident presentation to them at that meeting.

### PATRONS AND FRIENDS OF THE FRIARY

Please consider becoming a Patron (£500 per year) or a Friend (£2 per week). To reach our target, we need to encourage at least 12 people to become Patrons and a minimum of 200 people to become Friends. Our current Mass attendance is about 800.

Although our figures show projected income over five years, your commitment is for however long you choose – one year, two years ... five years. And remember, if you're a tax-payer, all your contributions can be Gift-aided, allowing us to recover **at no expense to you** another 25%.

Please complete the form below, and hand it in before you leave Church. Or you can drop it in to the Presbytery at any time.

Thank you for your support – working together, we can ensure the Friary is better able to help us raise our minds and hearts to God.

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I would be willing to consider being a

Patron ..... Friend ..... for  
1..... 2..... 3..... 4..... 5..... years.

Name:

Telephone:

Comments: