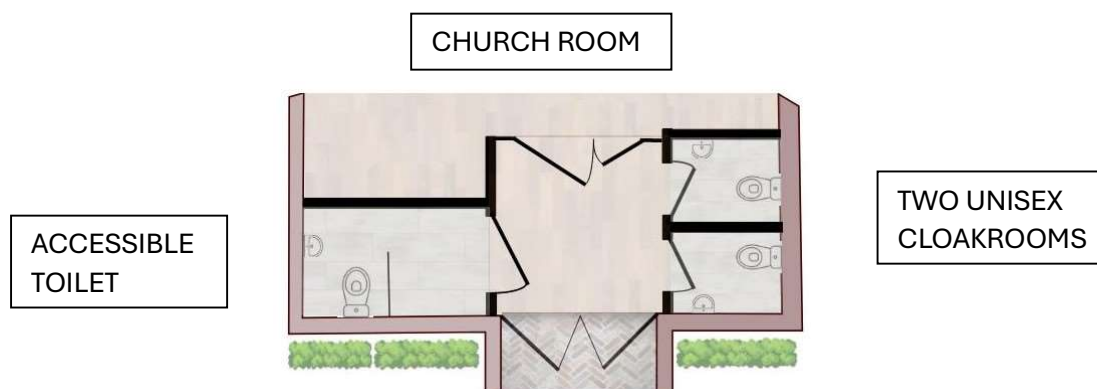


New toilets for the Church Room at St Nicolas

Following on from the hugely successful re-ordering works in the Church completed two years ago it is now time to turn our attention to providing new toilets in the Church Room which adjoins the Church. The works in the Church included the construction of ramps to Chancel and the Choir Vestry, which leads to the Church Room thereby making all areas accessible from the level West Tower access. The pews were removed and replaced with chairs which allow us to use configurations to suit the occasion. The floors were revarnished, the walls were decorated and new heating installed to provide an attractive and comfortable environment.

Following completion of the works we have been able to open the Church more effectively to the local community. Opening on days that tie in with village events such as the Christmas Market have been particularly successful. We have arranged and hosted an Eco Fair which attracted interest and attendance from the wider community. Our concerts, which have included a range from brass band to folk have been well attended. Some of these events we have arranged but for others we have been equally happy to make the Church available to other organisations to use. It is our intention that alongside the use of the Church as place of worship the local community are welcomed into the building as part of the village fabric.



The Church Room was built in the 1970's and the existing toilets have become tired and dated and do not match our aspirations for the wider use of the Church in the community. It is time for new toilets. The accessible toilet will be renewed in its present location. On the other side of the lobby we will provide two new unisex cloakrooms, each with a toilet and wash basin. in a space that currently provides only one cloakroom. The toilets will have new sanitary ware, water heaters, hand driers, radiators and will feature attractive new flooring and decoration,

Our fundraising was launched with a generous donation from the North American Jane Austen (in US dollars!) and we have built on this with a variety of events. It is our intention to apply for grants from Guilford Diocese and Surrey County Council/

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