St Nicholas - Stevenage

Statement of Need: Live Streaming of Services Equipment

General Information

St Nicholas is a Parish of roughly 12,000 in habitants, although there are plans for several thousand more houses in the parish over the coming years. The current electoral role is 87 and the congregation is very mixed in both age profile and background.

In 2019 we embarked on a refurbishment project this included a new stone floor, with underfloor heating, a new lighting scheme, and the re-siting of 3 wooden screens to create a larger worship space and a crèche in the north-western corner. To increase the amount of accommodation for small group use, such as our Sunday children’s work, the mezzanine floor was fitted over the existing parish room. The bricked-up arches between the chancel and the parish room were removed and replaced with glass screens at the top level and glass doors on the ground floor. The whole church was then redecorated and six electronic display screens installed along with audio equipment. The result has been to create a large, light and flexible worship and meeting space, which still retains its historic feel.

Current Services

Following the refurbishment and due to Covid 19 we were unable to return to the Church until July 2020. Since when there has been a 9.30am Sunday morning service at St Nicholas Stevenage conducted within the Covid 19 Protocols, with the exception of October 2020 when under Covid 19 Protocols all services were suspended.

The Needs

Covid 19 has meant many of our members have needed to and are still shielding or self-isolating in line with government advice. Therefore we have looked to provide them with a live-streamed service enabling them to worship together with those who are able to attend. We also are able to enable members to take part in the service via a pre-recorded feed i.e. Prayers and Bible Reading.

We are able to advertise the services on our web site and other social media sites enabling others in the parish and wider to join in with the services. We envision that the ability to provide live streaming is one we will continue after the Covoid 19 Protocols are lifted.

Interim Facility – No 1061

The interim facility was granted on the 23rd November 2020, following a recommendation from the DAC for the works described as:-

Installation of 2 fixed video cameras for live streaming of services with a small video mixing desk and 2 microphones for ambient noise. Music feed will come from existing sound desk. Cameras will be fitted behind existing TV screens – attached to the screen brackets/fittings rather than columns caballing will be largely contained within existing trunking to the TV screens.

Equipment

The equipment has been installed as detailed for the interim facility.

Live Streaming Protocol

The live streaming protocol is attached as Appendix A