St Nicholas – Stevenage

Statement of Needs- Display screens 2026

General Information

The Parish of Saint Nicholas Stevenage has around 15,000 inhabitants, although work has commenced on Forster Park and the other areas in the parish which will add several thousand more houses to the parish.

Our current electoral roll is 118 with the congregation being very mixed in both age, profile and background.

We undertook a refurbishment in 2019, which included a new stone floor with underfloor heating, new lighting scheme and re-siting 3 wooden screens to create a larger space and a crèche in the north western corner. To increase the amount of accommodation for small group use such as for our children's work, men's and women's fellowship, a mezzanine floor was fitted over the existing parish room. The in-filling to the arches between the south aisle and the parish room were removed, and glass screens were fitted at the top level with glass folding doors to the ground floor. The church was then redecorated with six electronic display screens installed with audio equipment. The display screens are used at every service to show the spoken and sung words so the congregation can easily participate. In 2026 the music area was improved with sound absorbing panels and boxed 'extensions' to the space.

The result has been to create a large light area of flexible worship space which still retains it's historic feel.

Current Services

We currently hold a Church Service at 9.30am each Sunday, with all areas of the Church being used by either adults or children.

The church is also used for other services such as weddings, praise events and community functions such as a family Easter fun day and Christmas tree display and weekly open for people passing by for free tea/hot chocolate.

We have identified three interrelated issues that we would like to resolve

We have 6 large TV screens in our church, all of which were installed as part of our major refurbishment 7 years ago. We would like to:

- Increase the number of screens by one- so the service leader has a much better sight of a screen (currently, they cannot see it properly).
- Change the bracket on one screen to tilt it so that the musicians can see a screen more easily.
- Change the brackets on the remaining screens to give us flexibility of use of the space.