



St Olave's Accessibility

Vestry Meeting 26th February 2023



Context and Objectives

- The existing stair lift can't be repaired and a replacement would not meet fire code regulations
- The objective is to ensure St. Olave's building is accessible to all – both the main floor and the basement
- To ensure St. Olave's can serve the needs of our current and future congregations
- To serve the needs of our community and tenants

Considerations

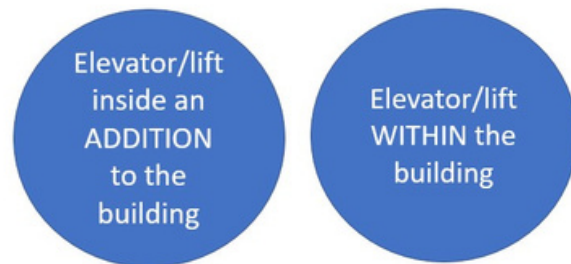
- Which parts of the church do we want to provide step-free access to?
- Do we want to add a universal washroom?
- Are there other changes we should make to the building?

The expectation is that all public buildings should become accessible to support an inclusive and equitable society. St. Olave's will need to become accessible in the future to continue to support the community.

Committee Work

- In early 2021 the St. Olave's Accessibility Viability Committee was formed to explore our options. A study was commissioned by DesignABLE.
- Committee members carried out a range of research and visited churches and other buildings that have installed elevators.
- Several options were explored and discussed with architects and other consultants.
- In 2022 the work was taken on as part of the Building and Maintenance committee with the support of Corporation.
- This focused on reviewing options to include an elevator within the building,

Options

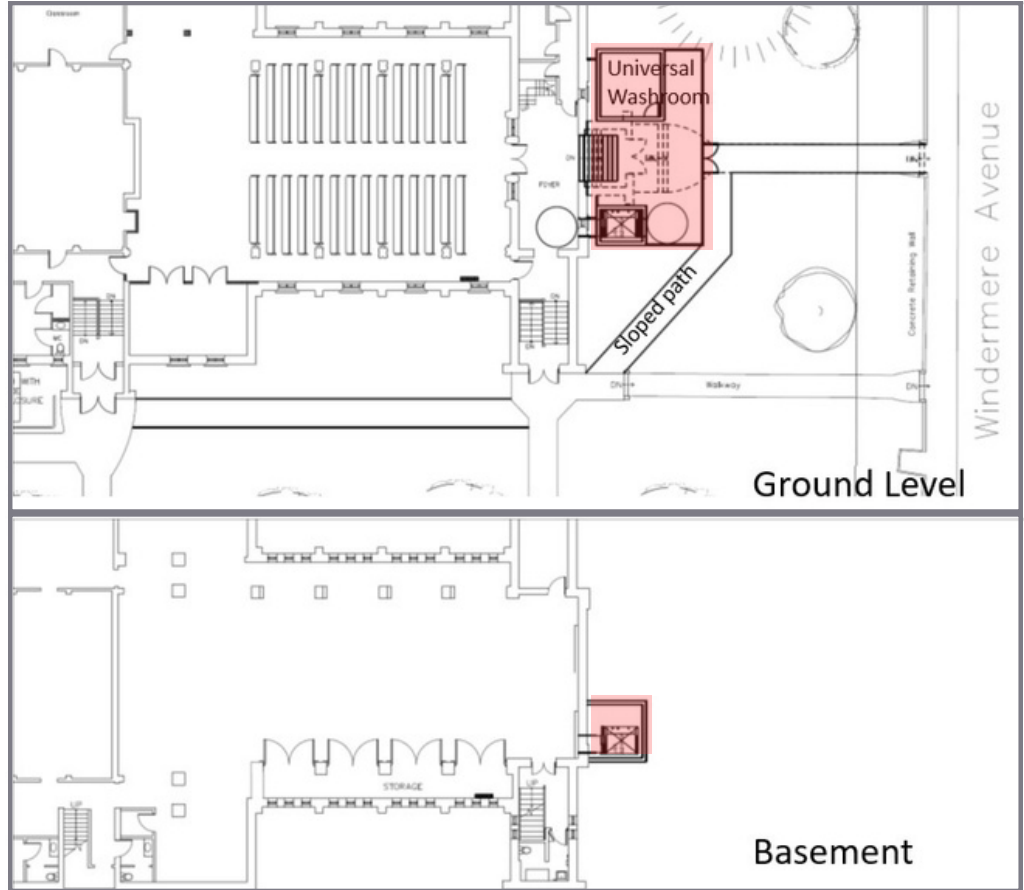


- We explored the simplest options to the options that did the most
- Looked for synergies with other projects and initiatives of the church
- Looked for alignment with the goals set out in the MAP work.

Lifts inside an Addition

Option 1

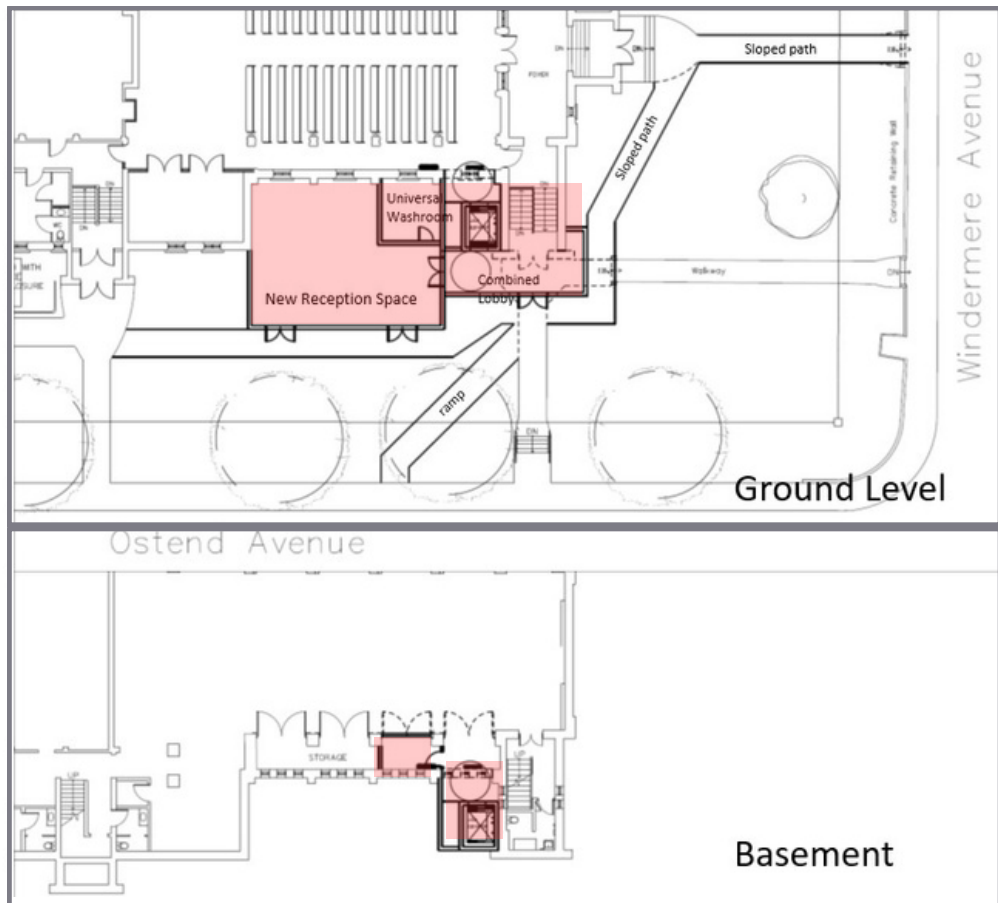
- Addition to east side
- New entrance, elevator and accessible washroom



Lifts inside an Addition

Option 2

- Large addition to south side
- New entrance, elevator and accessible washroom and reception space



Lifts inside an Addition

Option 3

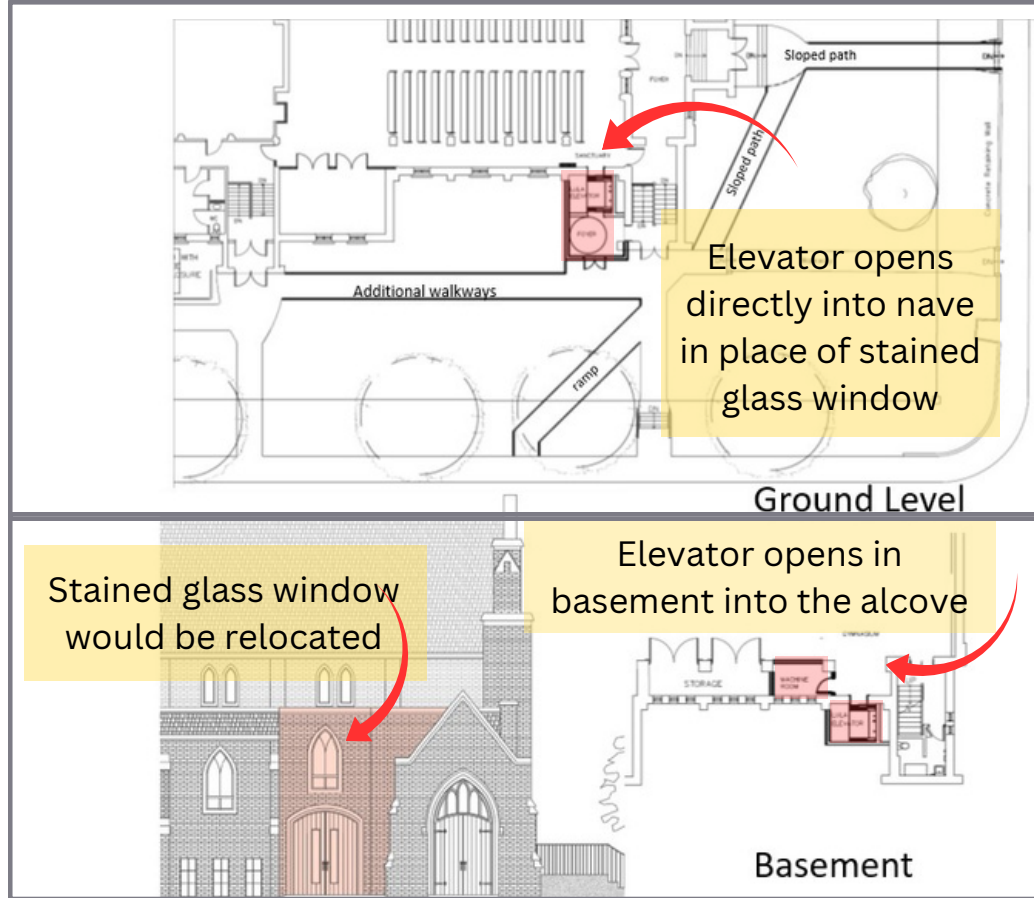
- Addition to southeast corner
- Elevator and accessible washroom



Lifts inside an Addition

Option 4

- Addition to southeast corner
- Elevator
- Smaller addition to building



Lifts within the building

Options A & A2

- In church office on main floor, opening into caretaker's office in lower level.
- Far from parking lot and therefore requiring a lot of concrete path additions
- Disrupts two existing office spaces

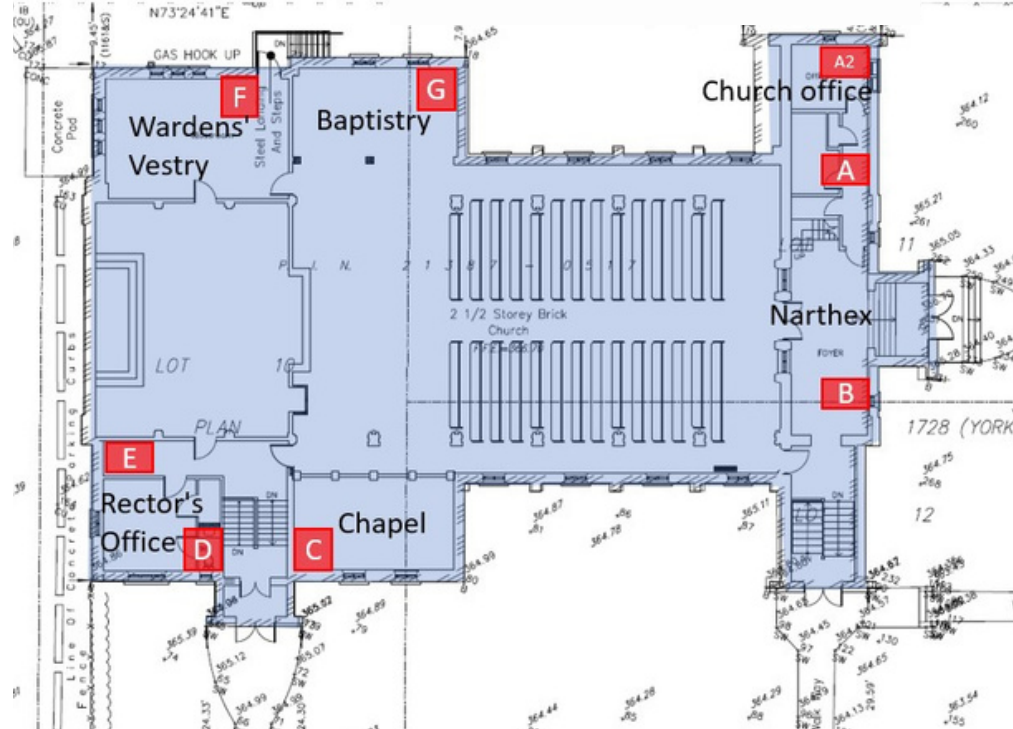
Option B

- In the narthex on main level, in the parish hall on lower level
- insufficient room

Option C

- In Chapel on main floor and into bathroom on lower level
- Near parking lot door/main entrance
- Requires relocation of chapel and modifications or relocation of kitchen

Main Floor



Option D

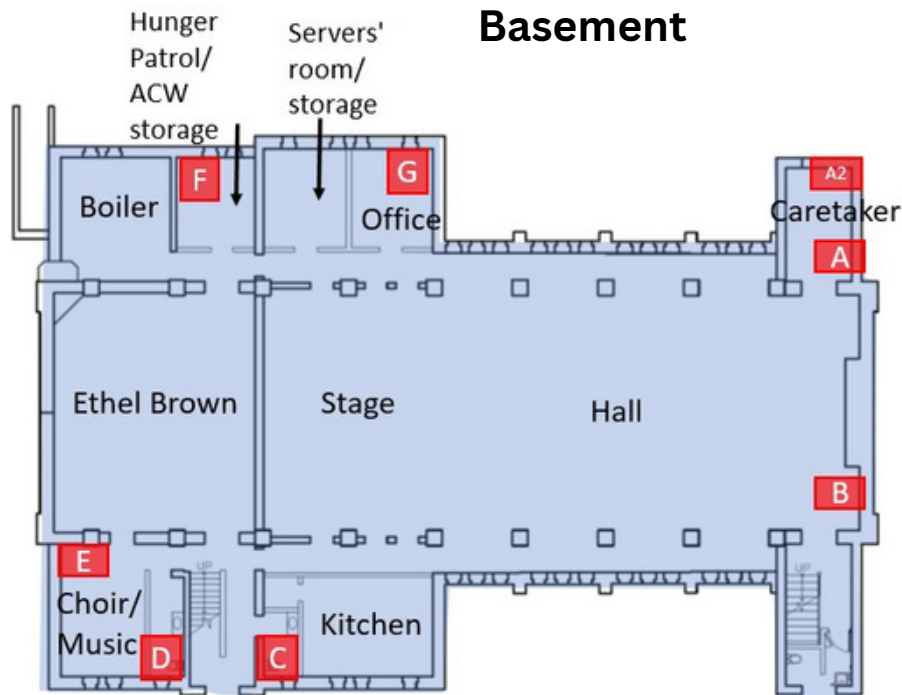
- In Rector's office bathroom and closet on main floor, opening into bathroom on lower level.
- Enters into a bottleneck on both levels, very close to sanctuary
- organ blower runs through Rector's office closet

Option E

- In hallway outside Rector's office (sink and bell) on main floor and choir room on lower level
- entry from parking lot, away from main entries
- enters into bottleneck

Option F

- in Wardens' Vestry on main floor and Hunger Patrol room on lower level
- far from main entrances
- lower level bottleneck



Option G

- Baptistry on main level, Addus office on lower level
- far from main entrances
- enters into nave

Evaluation Criteria

- **Accessibility** Overall accessibility provided / user experience (welcoming, easy access to parking lot and street)
- **Impact on Church** and grounds (worship/lower level/church grounds)
- **Alignment with MAP/Church Mission**
- **Future proof** Provision of or support of future accessible washroom / further improvements
- **Cost** (a result of technical complexity and scope of works)
- **Schedule** (how complex, approvals etc)

Options were assessed qualitatively against these criteria

Evaluation



Option	Accessibility	Impact on Church	Alignment with MAP	Future proof	Cost	Schedule
1	Green	Light Green	Light Green	Light Green	Red	Red
2	Green	Light Green	Green	Green	Dark Red	Dark Red
3	Green	Yellow	Light Green	Light Green	Orange	Orange
4	Light Green	Yellow	Yellow	Light Green	Yellow	Orange
A	Yellow	Red	Light Green	Yellow	Green	Light Green
A2	Yellow	Red	Light Green	Yellow	Green	Light Green
C	Green	Orange	Light Green	Light Green	Green	Light Green
D	Green	Red	Light Green	Yellow	Light Green	Light Green
E	Yellow	Orange	Orange	Orange	Green	Light Green
F	Orange	Light Green	Orange	Yellow	Light Green	Light Green
G	Orange	Yellow	Orange	Yellow	Light Green	Light Green

Option C has the most “green” criteria

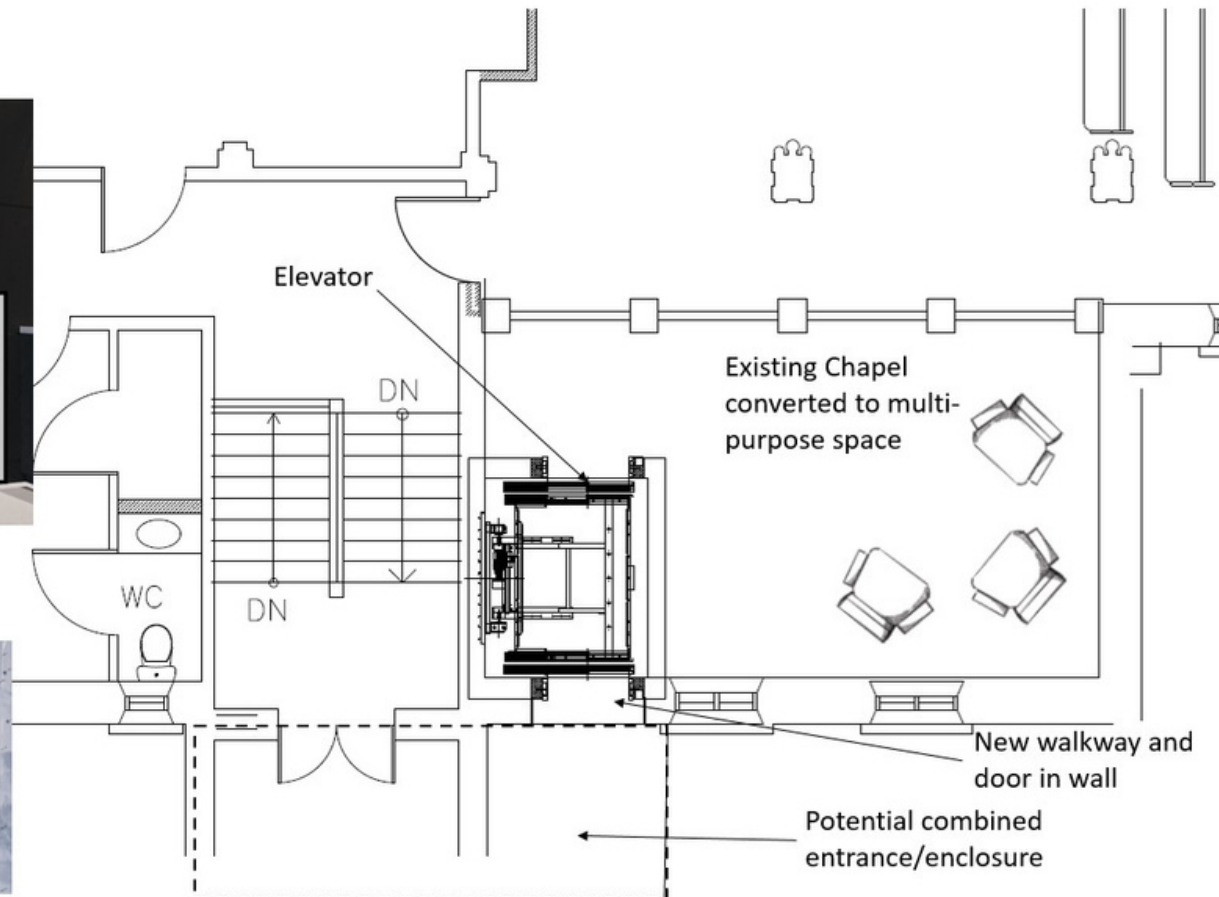
Our recommendation - Option C

View from Ostend

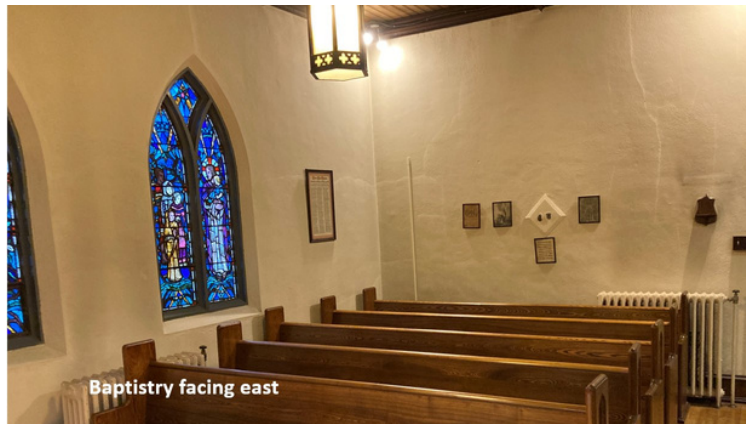
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to integrate into a
single entrance with
a small addition



Ground Level



Main level - Chapel and Baptistry



Baptistry facing east

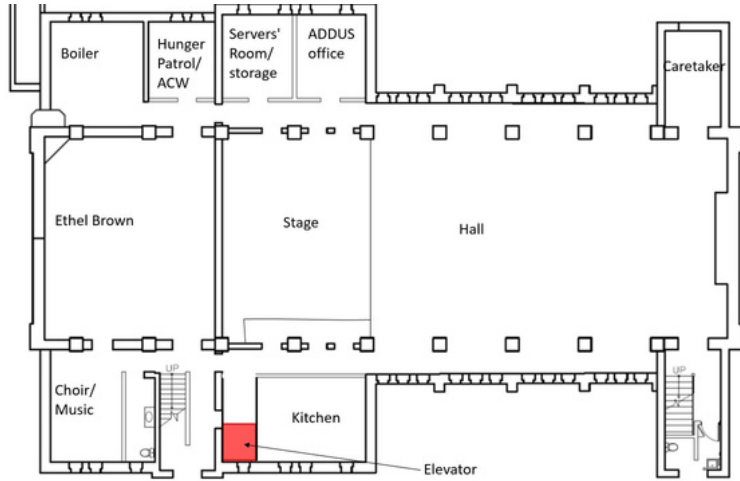


Chapel becomes welcoming entry space,
possible library, area for Bible Study or counselling



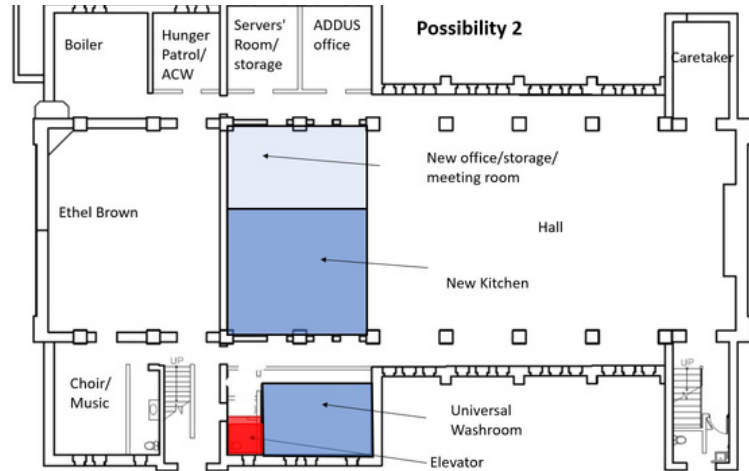
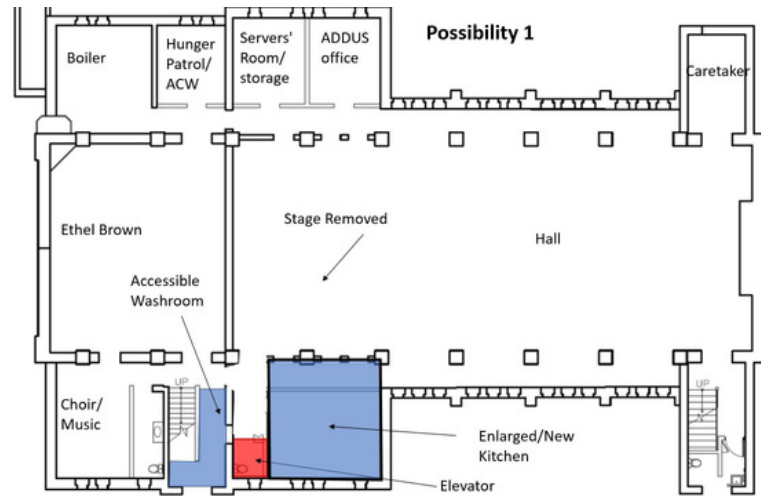
Chapel altar relocated to east end of
Baptistry. Baptistry pews replaced
with high quality wooden church
chairs with kneelers.

Lower level



The elevator would eliminate a bathroom on the lower level and make the kitchen smaller.

Possibility 1 and **Possibility 2** show how the lower level could be reorganized and renovated to allow for a universal washroom, a better kitchen and more space.



Next Steps (recommendation)

- Develop design for Chapel and Baptistry further
- Develop technical design further (eg required electrical upgrades)
- Select the most appropriate size and type of elevator
- Develop a design/feasibility for an outdoor enclosure/combined entrance
- Obtain a cost estimate for the work
- Initial conversations with Diocese on approvals
- Establish design and approvals requirements and timelines
- Establish funding requirements and approaches
- Conduct a space audit of the lower level to determine storage and usage needs