

Accessibility Update

Since the update and resolution provided at the 2024 special vestry (April 21, 2024) the committee has continued to work towards adding an elevator to make the building accessible.

Through our report and presentation to the Diocese's Risk and Governance Committee on May 9, 2024 we obtained initial approval. Following this we developed a list of potential architects to support us in developing the design further.

We developed a scope of work and ran a competitive process to select an architect and their team of consultants. The scope consists of developing the design of the elevator addition along with a cost estimate and 3D images of the works.

Architects Lynch and Comisso were selected to undertake the work and in late 2024 we signed a contract with them. They are local architects based at Runnymede and Annette and have experience undertaking many similar elevator projects as well as knowing the local area. They are supported by engineers, one of whom is a former church warden, further adding to their knowledge.

So far in their work they have completed a detailed assessment of the church including measurements of the building. They have presented initial ideas to the committee including providing options and consideration of the overall configuration of the elevator. In the coming weeks, through further design and feedback from the committee, they will complete their work. This work (the design and cost estimate) will initiate the next stage of the project focused on fundraising.

We plan on providing a more detailed update to the congregation at this stage, which will include presenting the design and options we have as well as an approach to fundraising. There will be opportunity also for discussion and feedback from everyone.

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