

All Saints' Trefonen Survey July/August 2019 – The Church Building in the Years ahead

The Parish Church covering the rural Villages and areas of Trefonen, Treflach, Coed-y-go, Croesau Bach and part of Nantmawr has a population of approximately 1500 people.

This Survey is an important part of developing plans that could lead to changes to a more flexible and accessible interior of the Church, a building that will serve the needs of the Community and be a focal point of worship for many years after its 200th anniversary in 2021.

There will be a display in the Church on possible changes and options with photographs, maps and diagrams throughout July and part of August. This will give everybody an opportunity to learn more about what might be considered, including what it might cost and the process of getting approvals. The display has been designed so you can add your views, or you can attach a separate page to this Survey. Any comments will be welcomed on these Survey pages. Tick or cross the box that reflects your view.

Please put your completed survey forms in the returns box in the Church on or before 18th August 2019.

Is All Saints' Trefonen a welcoming Church?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

Expectations of the Church as a building

The plans displayed will include a review of the seating, layout, existing heating, lighting and sound systems, as well as other facilities which could include those for refreshments.

The Interior of the Church

The Church is slightly unusual in having two aisles. Might this discourage as an example the choice of the Church for a wedding, whereas a central aisle enables everyone to see the bride and groom together?

Do you agree with this view?

Yes	No

Do you see any other issues through having currently three rows of seating and two aisles?

Yes	No

And if so, what?

Do you have any other thoughts and views on the interior?

What the Church might be used for in the future

The Church is already used for drama productions, notably for the Hill Walk Weekend plus School events & Services. Would you like to see...

A wider range of Church Services?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

More productions, including musical events?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

See over

Church Community events?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

And if so what? And what else do you think the Church might be used for?

Seating Alternatives?

Many churches have adopted flexible seating arrangements. This could mean a range of individual chairs instead of the existing pews, alternative seating layouts can be easily arranged for different services, occasions and uses, but when required can still retain the traditional design of the church interior. Also modern church chairs can be easily stacked and stored to provide open areas and space to move around. moveable seating would also allow the worship area to be all on one level, providing easier & more flexible access including to the front for worship for those with any disabilities.

Do you think the pews limit how the Church can be used?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

Providing chairs to replace pews, would this be a better option?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

One of the advantages for having individual seats is they can be readily moved around to different positions depending on what the Church is being used for; such as Services in the round, small group discussions, open spaces for activities such as Messy Church and other Church Community events.

Do you agree with this view?

Yes	No

Do you have any other views on the proposed changes to seating?

In making possible changes to the Church do you think the current facilities should also be improved?

Replacing the electric heating with a new heating system with radiators?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

Do you think the existing lighting is suitable?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

Do you think the existing refreshments area could be improved?

Disagree		Neutral		Agree
1	2	3	4	5

Do you have any other views on the church facilities?

Any changes will have to meet with relevant current Legislation including Accessibility as well as the Church of England Diocesan rules and regulations.

Copies of this Survey can be downloaded from the Trefonen Village website www.trefonen.org. Printed copies can also be collected in Trefonen from the Village Shop, the Village Hall including the Community Cafe (every Tuesday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), the Barley Mow PH and the Church itself (open throughout the day).

If you wish you can provide your details so we can advise you of the results and feedback session.

Name:

contact details:

post code: