

# Buildings

## Guiding Principles

# **Proposal for a New Larger Parish**

## **Toxteth & Wavertree**

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Our buildings are well-loved and important parts of both our church and local communities. As we think about how we can grow and sustain our church buildings to enable and support mission, we recognise the challenges we face in adapting for the 21st century, while maintaining and conserving them for future generations.

## 1. We **value** a transparent and clear assessment of each church

As part of the FfM transition, the local Right Buildings Change Team (made up of local lay and clergy, supported by a professional Surveyor), will engage with each church to assess the building fabric and the community use of each building. This is a 14-point assessment that covers: spiritual and social support, environmental impact and economic sustainability. The result of this assessment and subsequent workshops will be a Right Buildings Proposal that will then be consulted on by the Navigation team and each current PCC. The aim is to achieve an agreed plan, ratified by Deanery synod.

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2. We **prioritise** investing in buildings so that they are missional and developing new income streams

New investment and development will be **prioritised** for local churches in the Larger Parish based on the Right Buildings Plan and prioritised project analysis. New capital investment will also require local church fundraising to contribute to capital building projects. We will seek also to maximise income from our assets by developing our community partnerships.

3. We **collaborate and coordinate** on local church maintenance challenges

We streamline processes and provide resources to support the efficient maintenance of church buildings. Day-to-day management and maintenance will remain with the local church, while statutory compliance, larger maintenance challenges, and shared service purchasing will be coordinated across the Larger Parish through a new Support Services Team.

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4. We **commit** to the Church of England's formal consultation processes regarding the closure of any church building

Following the Right Buildings Proposal, all applicable National Church procedures will be followed regarding any shared decision to close a building. A consecrated church can only be legally closed for regular public worship by a pastoral church buildings scheme made by the Church Commissioners. These processes are extensive and involve formal consultation of all interested parties (including PCCs) and the public.

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