**A t A – After the Annex**

**So what is next?**

There are currently three/four projects that would enhance the Worship and Outreach of Christ Church to the people of Southborough.

**THE LIGHTING**

**Points for this being a priority**

1. It is a grim dull yellow light, much worse in the evening.
2. Bert Alldis, with experience of other churches, recognised the benefit of good lighting in making the church a welcoming space.
3. We have a fabulous roof that you can’t see because it isn’t lit.
4. A move to LED lighting will significantly reduce the cost of electricity used each month. Currently the electricity bill for the church is around £660 a year.
5. Maintenance is very difficult due to the height of the lamps and some of the glass lamp units are broken and need replacing; *do you fancy climbing up there?*
6. Installation to be carried out by an independent electrician and we have yet to get a quote for this.

**COST: £15,685 inc VAT for the equipment** + cost of installation. (possibly £5,000)

**THE PROJECTION SYSTEM**

**Points for this being a priority:**

1. The projector is at a ‘cranky’ angle well outside its limits. This leads to premature death – of the projector!
2. To make a saving, the existing projector would go in the Annexe.
3. The computer driving the projector is quite poor and thus the projected image is also poor. *But I have a cunning plan…!*
4. Moving to ‘Flat screens’ either side of the chancel opens up the church.
5. There would be ‘reinforcement’ screens towards the back of the church and also to the front for the leader and musicians.
6. Installation carried out by DM Installations; they fitted the sound system.

**COST: £16,500 inc VAT**

**THE KITCHEN**

**Points for this being a priority**

1. Most of the units are beyond their ‘sell by date’; it was installed in 1978.
2. When we do it, it will have to be done during the summer holiday.
3. The layout needs changing as it makes working difficult.
4. The walls and floor don’t meet current Health and Safety standards.
5. Though used by only a few, it does actually cater for many.
6. We have replaced much of the equipment over the last few years so it seems sensible to bring the rest of the kitchen up to standard.
7. And our standard is the 5\* rating from the Environmental Health Officer. We need to keep this to ensure not only the reputation of our kitchen but also the well being of all those who eat with us, especially the vulnerable such as the young and elderly.
8. Work to be carried out by Bailey Wighton, flooring specialists.
9. **COST:** £6,000 plus the cost of new sinks, worktops, lighting, drawer unit and cupboards, so say **£7,500 in all**
10. And talking of flooring there is the Hall floor, **Project four,** Bailey Wighton have quoted **£3,000** to re-lay the sub floor and replace with matching blue carpet tiles.

**THE LEFTOVERS!**

* By careful management and hard negotiation we have been able to end up with between £38,000 and £40,000 as a ‘leftover’ from the building of the Annexe.
* Though this is YOUR money, it is impossible to calculate how to return it to each individual so we are asking for your support as to how we spend the ‘Leftovers’…

*And of course there is the DAC. We will have to get permission for the lighting and the projection systems as both of these involve alterations to the building, and possibly the kitchen and hall floor too.*

* We, your DCC, need to know your preferences for these three projects.
* With what is ‘Leftover’ we are **not far** from managing to do all three/four projects, (though we will need some extra funding if people are prepared to give it, or fundraise with things like the Christmas Fair.)
* **So** what is needed is **your ranking** of the three projects, and we ask **you to prioritise**, it is **your money** we are spending after all!
* Next week we will give out ‘voting slips’ so that everyone can indicate their preferences

**WHY BOTHER TO DO THIS?**

1. We are tasked as disciples to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the community in which we sit - Southborough.
2. Churches are like Police Stations. We can’t wait for people to ‘hand themselves in’. We have to go out and bring people in. But, unlike a police station, we have to make the place attractive and somewhere that people will want to come to.
3. And we are now in the 21st century, not the 19th, when Christ Church was built. Our Annexe, fabulous though it is, is part of our Outreach but we need to make the **whole church** a welcoming space.
4. So we might want to go further than these three/four projects but for the meantime…

**THE MATHS**

Lighting + Projection +Kitchen + Floor, **THE TOTAL is about £42,500/£47,500**

Left over from the Annexe = £38 - £40,000