

Space Group Report.

We are a small group – just 10 – and so I stress these are the thoughts and ideas of just 10 and I am well aware that is a very small number compared with the number on our Parish Roll. I need to add that even amongst 10 not everyone agreed with every suggestion!!

Our main focus was to be a closer and a more cohesive group worshipping together.

We began our thinking by imagining an empty space and how it could be best used –we encouraged one another to think “outside the square “.

The below bullet points are reflective of our thinking.

NO decision has been made as to which of these points, if any, will be accepted for our new Service. We are happy to hear of other thoughts and ideas.

- *Seating in a more relaxed circular way –both in the Sanctuary and the main body of the church.

- *Dispense with some of the Pews and have more blue chairs.

- *The Altar brought forward and the area behind closed off. This could be achieved with the 2 wooden half pew fronts (presently there is one of these by the door leading to the kitchen and one by the children’s area) on either side of the altar and the organ on a slightly different angle than it is now.

- *The choir stalls would be left behind this altar area, and placed on an angle, and these would only be used for larger services/funerals etc. when the altar could be right under the Cross.

- * Oversized wooden seating removed from the Sanctuary.

- *The Organ, Band and Singers all located together.

- *The Pulpit removed. Have a smaller Pulpit which is easy to move to different areas.

- *The Lectern to stay. This was saved from the old St. James and very much part of our history.

*The Clergy and Worship Leader sit on the Left side of the Sanctuary with other parishioners.

*Perhaps remove one side of the Altar rail—leave one side for those who need it, prefer it, to get up and down.

*Halfway down one side of the church remove pews to create a children's area—with little chairs, beanbags, books etc. where young children and parents can sit.

*A much larger area at the back of the church for hospitality.

*The position/turning/size of the screens to be looked at.

*If necessary the cables for the sound system and desk could be relocated.

*The smaller platform under the choir stalls could go on the lower level of the altar steps so musicians all on one level.

*Pews are screwed to the floor so this needs careful thought before any are removed.

*Organ to be moved slightly back.