

Our existing system



Fig 1 shows our current arrangement. Figs 2, 3 & 4 show the proposed screen in the open and closed position as viewed from the chancel & nave.

Please help us if you can

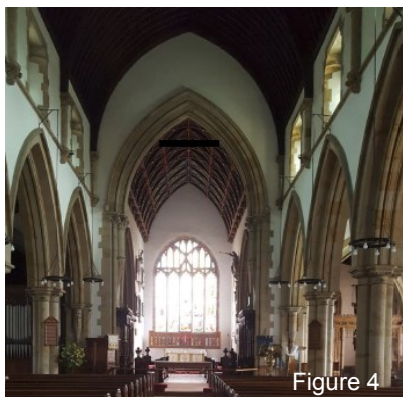
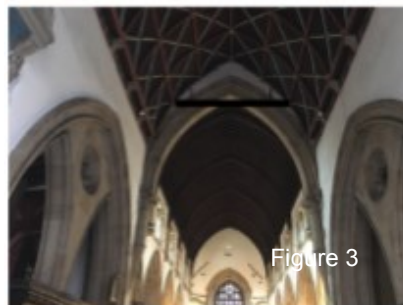
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Our aspiration



St Mary's Parish Church Richmond, audio-visual appeal



We need your help to raise £24,000 to install a state of the art audio-visual system in St Mary's for church and community use.

Patrons :

Baroness Angela Harris of Richmond
The Rt Rev'd John Pritchard former Bishop of Oxford

Charity Commission Reg. No 1132585

Why the need?

- St Mary's is the largest open-door community centre in Richmond seating 350 people and hosting concerts, recitals and school events. However, lack of audio-visual facilities limits our use of the building.
- Currently, we rely on a portable screen perched precariously on the pulpit and an inadequate projector strapped on a pillar. The in-house sound system is rudimentary and unsatisfactory.
- Our proposed system will give us a state of the art audio-visual system and will be of huge value to schools and young people who are used to more in the way of A-V displays for education and learning than we can provide; and for older people the improved acoustics and a better loop system will be a real bonus.
- With the new equipment and our existing wi-fi system we have many exciting opportunities. We will set up a film club and live stream significant events such as the Tour de Yorkshire and premier sporting events to large audiences and we will put on dementia friendly screenings for local care homes.. Funeral services will be enhanced by the ability to play high fidelity music and record the occasion for those who cannot attend and to show on-screen memories and scenes from the lives of those who have died.
- The controllable camera will enable us to live-stream weddings and church services for those unable to attend. We will show a pianist's or organist's hands on the screen during recitals and show events at the front of the church such as baptisms so everyone, not just those in the front pews, can see.
- Our proposed up-to-date audio-visual system will move the church forward so it can continue to serve the community as it has in the past 900 years.

Project Summary

- We will install a column mounted Hitachi WX8750 7500 lumen projector to allow images to be seen easily even in bright sunlight.
- A retractable three metre screen will be installed behind the chancel arch. When retracted neither projector nor screen will be noticeable.
- When the screen is extended it will be comfortably seen from anywhere in the church, apart from immediately behind pillars.
- The screen will not impede sight of the altar nor the appreciation of the architecture of the church as a whole.
- A professional remotely controlled pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera will be mounted in a pillar recess in the nave.
- Unobtrusive wiring will run under floorboards to a control system as the back of the church.
- 4 high fidelity Ohm BRT26 speakers, UK made and suitable for speech and music, will be installed at the junction of the wall and roof of the church.
- Up-to-date lectern and radio microphones, amplifiers and a loop system will be installed, all controlled from a console at the back of the church..
- Set up will take one week. Temporary scaffolding, electrical costs and VAT are all included in the overall price of **£24,000.**

Help us if you can

If you have any queries please contact

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What others say

"Improving the audio-visual facilities will increase inclusivity and strengthen the Church's position as a venue for numerous cultural activities-both sacred and secular. I am excited at the prospect of staging more performances, workshops and other activities there as part of the annual Swaledale Festival and I feel sure that this new equipment will be hugely beneficial."

Malcolm Creece artistic director Swaledale Festival

"The project ... is a most welcome initiative by the church to re-engage with the wider community of Richmondshire. Richmond lacks meeting and performance spaces This proposed development will ensure that the need for a large meeting space is met. The move returns the church to its historic role at the centre of the community and is to be applauded. I offer my full support."

Jim Jack former headteacher Richmond School and performance musician

"There is potential and scope for us to use the church much more over the coming years and this attendance for both worship, and education in its own right, would be enormously enhanced by a good audio-visual system. This would allow us to facilitate screen based activities and worship with the flexibility which an easily accessible and reliable audio visual system would enable. The potential for easily seen films and services and linking in live-stream to other schools or churches is very exciting and we very much look forward to utilising all of this and more.

Kate Williamson Executive Head Teacher Trinity Academy, Richmond

"The current audio-visual provision is best described as Heath Robinson with a small portable screen perched alarmingly on the pulpit, and a projector strapped to a pillar. The audio system is unreliable and given to eccentricity. I know from my previous experience that up-to-date A-V equipment can make a huge difference to the experience of all those who use the church."

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We would love to be able to use more technology during our Fresh Expression Fun-Key services. We have embraced the use of wi-fi to show live clips but with a more reliable screen, projector and sound system we could use this far more easily and effectively. We could run film clubs and evenings for young people and look at developing our Youth work."

Gillian Lunn Leader of Fun-Key Church @ St Mary's Richmond, Lay Reader

I fully support the proposals that St Mary's Church has for their cinema screen as it will be a safe and friendly environment in which to show films for the elderly and those with dementia. This is another step forward to make the church a community hub that is open to all. I hope you support this application for funding for this very important project.

Cllr. Linda Curran DL Chair Chairperson Dementia Friendly Richmondshire