

The Beacon Project

Premise: Now that we have undertaken consultation with the congregation as well as with individual local groups, and with the Friends of St Mary's now in development, it is time to begin exploring how our facilities can be improved to meet our present and future requirements.

Goal: To refresh the aesthetics and improve the versatility of the St Mary's Church facilities in order to ensure:

- Excellent worship
- An attractive café experience
- Space for meetings and other activities
- Offices for café and church staff
- A secure sacristy
- Expanded storage space
- Sustainable energy

Guiding Principles: St Mary's is *A Beacon of Faith, Hope, and Love in the Heart of Brecon*. This means that design proposals must ensure that St Mary's remains chiefly and obviously a holy space dedicated to the worship of God within the Anglican tradition while also maximizing how that space can be best used to support the local community and ministry area. Designs must be sympathetic to the building's heritage and liturgical purpose.

Process: Fr Mark, in consultation with the PCC will appoint a 'Beacon's Project Committee' to oversee the Project. The committee will consist of:

- Fr Mark Clavier, *Chair*
- Liz Parry, *Warden*
- Karen Hasketh, *PCC treasurer*
- Kim Woods
- Huw Marshall
- Phil Park
- Chas Hefford
- Naomi Law
- Louise Jones, *Tower Café*
- Chris Walsh, *Brecon Town Council*

The Committee will be responsible for interviewing potential architects, ensuring transparency and good communication, and undertaking congregational / community consultation for the development of an achievable and affordable project. The final project must be supported by a strong majority of the congregation.

Funding: The financial basis for The Beacon Project will be a portion of the income from the sale of Church House. Ideally, this will be used as potential match funding to generate grants from external funders such as the NLHF, the Diocese, Cadw, and BBNP.

Delivery: Ideally, a project can be developed that meets most or all of our needs at an affordable cost within five years. If need be, the project could be phased over a long period.