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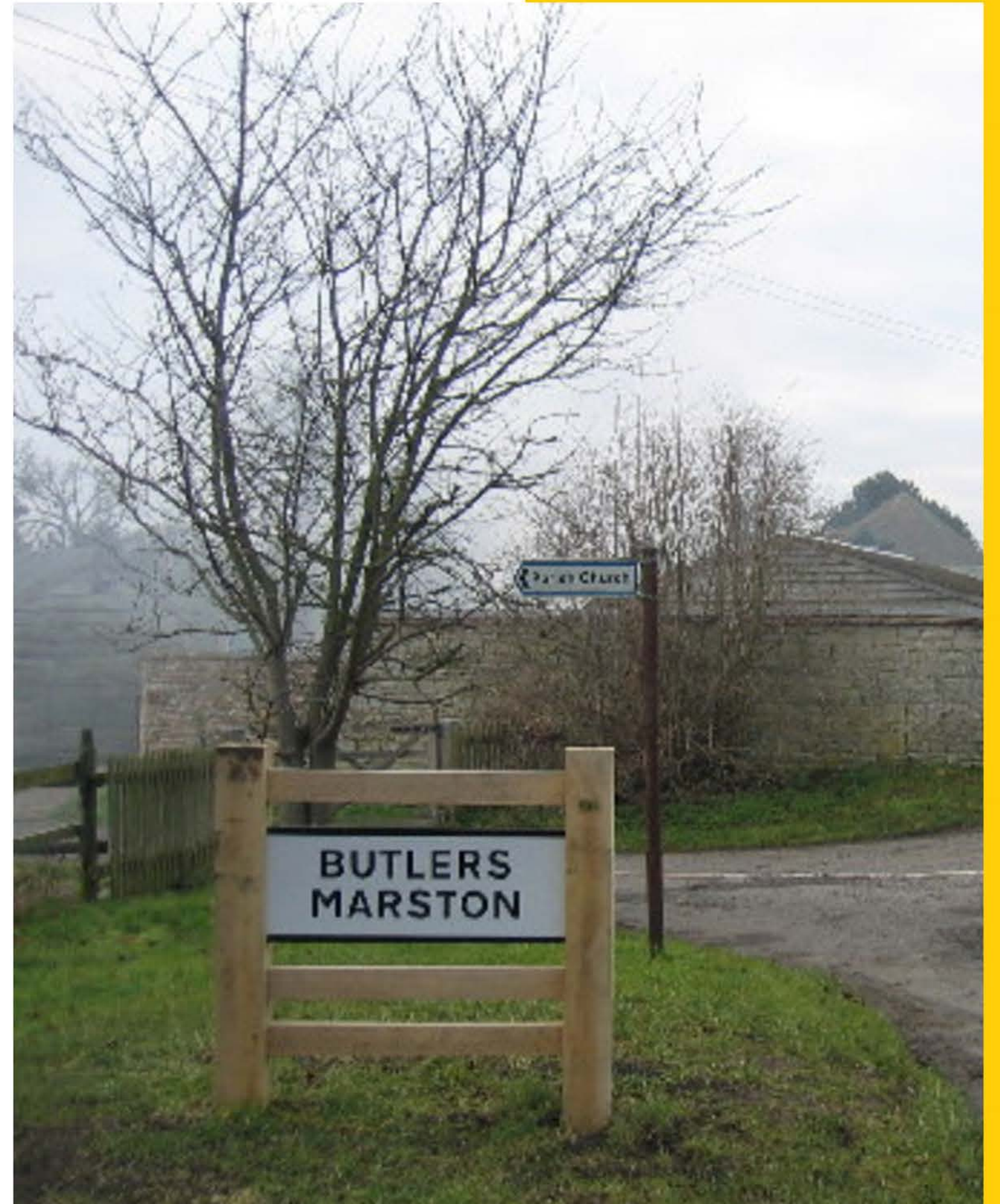


# Agenda

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# Our Need

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The time has come to address a few issues concerning the fabric of our much loved and well used Church.

Like most buildings of its age, essential repairs are necessary to preserve the fabric of the building, for example:

- heating and lighting systems needs updating
- the pews are badly infected with woodworm
- the wooden pew base/platforms have started to break apart.

This is an opportunity to consider reordering our only community building for the congregation and community by providing:

- a more comfortable place of worship whilst preserving the church
- an adaptable community meeting space for the active community
- a building to contribute towards climate change mitigation





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# Reorder Group

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The Butlers Marston Church Restoration & Reorder Group is a working group of the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council and acts in a purely advisory capacity reporting back. Our aim is:

- regular consultation with the community and key stakeholders
- identify suitability and costs for renewable energy sources
- outline the likely & suitable sources of funding
- develop scope of works and costs of employing architects

Utilising both organisations we can approach both secular and non-secular funding options and have the support of local district council and our County Councillor, Chris Mills.

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# Our Team

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**NICOLA  
CHATTERTON**

—  
Butlers Marston  
Rector



**DICK  
LEAPER**

—  
Butlers Marston  
Church Warden



**SIMON  
CORPE**

—  
Parish Council  
Chairman



**ROB  
BOWEN**

—  
Retired Architect

The Butlers Marston Church Restoration & Reorder Group is made up of members of the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council working alongside members of the public pulling together special knowledge and expertise to benefit the projects mission and aims.





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# Church Visits

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We visited 6 churches:

- St. Mary the Virgin, Pillerton Hersey
- St. Mary Magdelene, Tanworth in Arden
- St. Lawrence, Bourton on the Hill
- St. Lawrence, Bourton on the Water
- St. Mary the Virgin, Kirtlington
- St. Peter and St. Paul's, Long Compton

The most successful were those that carried out all their wishes

The least successful regretted that they hadn't opted for a broader brief



# Mission

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To provide a warm, welcoming, relevant, modern parish centre for religious and pastoral activities for the Butlers Marston and, where relevant, wider communities to the benefit of the Benefice and Bishopric at large.

# Vision

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Through faith and guidance provide a haven of peace, learning, solace and enjoyment for our community away from a world of uncertainty.



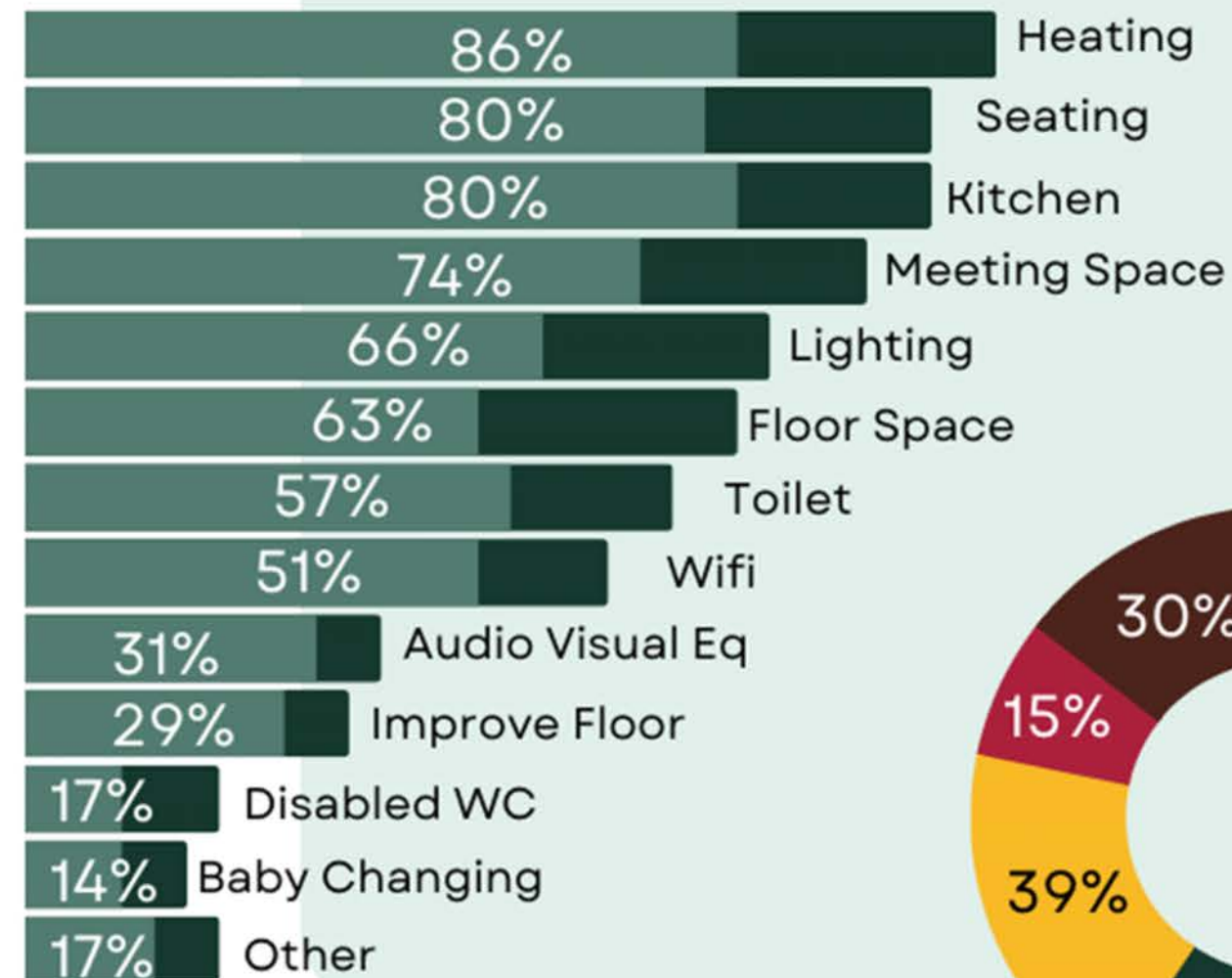
## Our Values



# Public Consultation

- The general theme from respondents was that the church reorder should bring the community closer together
- 33% of the parish responded, 100% agree there is a need to reorder the church to provide a community space.
- Heating, seating & a kitchen are the top requirements
- Maintaining all the religious facilities was important
- Path lighting and improving the churchyard path were important to respondents.
- Floor space and storage requirements high is demand
- 81% of respondents gave future activity suggestions.
- Support for lighting the Church Tower but not all the time
- Energy efficiency important to many respondents
- Interest from groups about the new space as there is potential limited capacity locally for groups & meetings
- Keen to keep current toilet facilities

## BUILDING FACILITIES

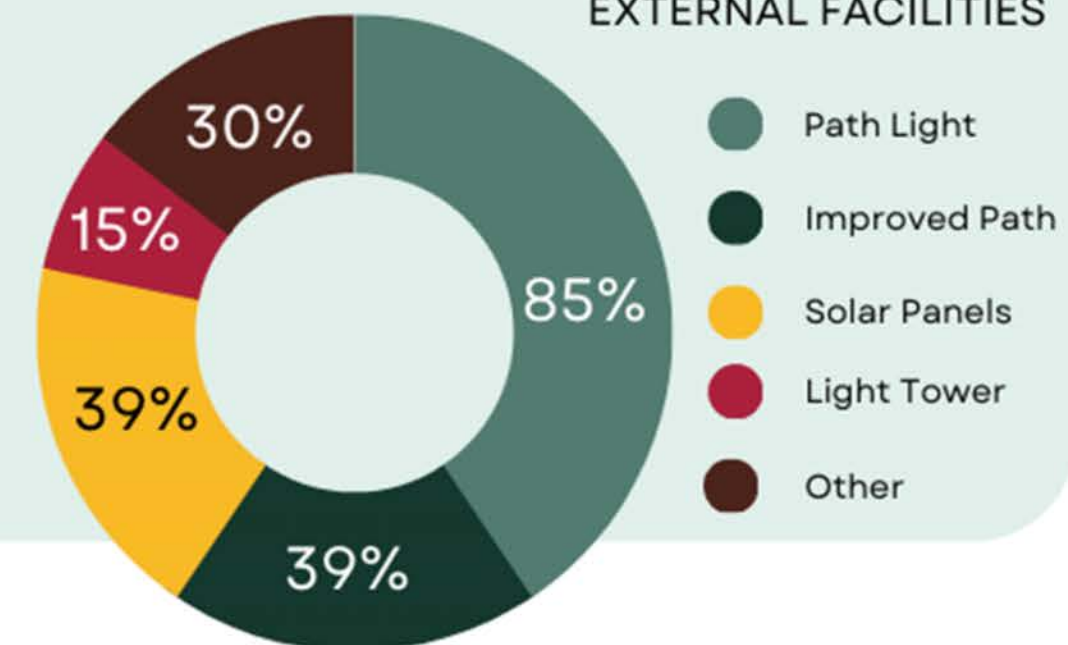


● Online Responses  
● Paper Responses

100%

"Is there a need to reorder the church to provide a community space?"

## EXTERNAL FACILITIES







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# Future Opportunities

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Butlers Marston Church is the ideal location to bring the community together. Following our reorder project we hope to be able to provide the following facilities:

- Church retreat with champing facilities
- Concerts & Performances
- Modern conference and variety of meeting spaces
- Chapel facilities
- Catering facilities for MMU, Harvest Supper, Village Breakfast, BH Teas
- Emergency Response Centre
- Local political center for polling station, council meetings
- Open space for exhibitions and attractions
- Space for local groups

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# Church Retreat

Butlers Marston Church is the ideal location to welcome guests on retreat or courses, as well as those who seek some space for quiet or study. Following our reorder project we hope to be able to provide the following facilities:

- modern conference and variety of meeting spaces
- chapel facilities
- champing facilities
- easy access and ample parking
- community events and activities
- local walks and country pubs nearby

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# Pew Findings

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- Pews were first generally introduced into the church in the latter half of the 18th century.
- Before this time churches were generally bare internally with seating likely to be on the perimeter of what was an open hall.
- The current church pew installation dates from mid/late 19th century.
- The pews and their decking are in a poor condition and require significant restoration and/or replacement.
- Historically, the pews in the church are not believed to be significant in that they are of a standard design from that time.
- The proposed flexible use of the church going forward does not support the retention of the current layout.
- A few pews should be included in the reordering, utilising a complimentary style that is more comfortable and made movable to suit the flexibility need.

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# Diocesan Advisory Committee

We have had the support from the DAC from the outset with an initial visit from Clair Strachan followed by several DAC personnel  
Including: .

Church Buildings Development & Project Officer - Claire Strachan

DAC Heating Advisor - Peter Bemrose

Church Building Funding Support Officer - Andy Duncan

Diocese NetZero Project Officer - Colin Angus

*"I think you have the beginnings of a really fruitful project [in Butlers Marston]. It feels like it has more chance of success because i think you can, demonstrate a real need ... have an active social community ... are partnering with the Parish Council and local social groups..."*

**Clair Strachan, DAC**

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# Areas to Consider

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As part of the reorder program we need to consider all areas of the church, specifically looking at:

- Sources of heating:
  - Underfloor heating (all electric or wet)
  - Radiant heating (tubes, Infra-red, panels, radiators, air)
  - Traditional space heating
  - Heat pumps
  - Ground source
- Adaptable lighting for different building uses inside and outside the church
- Religious focus/ambience (respect for historical inclusion and continuity).
- Use/Layout flexibility
- Insulation considerations
- Energy generation such as solar and batteries
- Futureproofing audio visual technology





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# Eco Church

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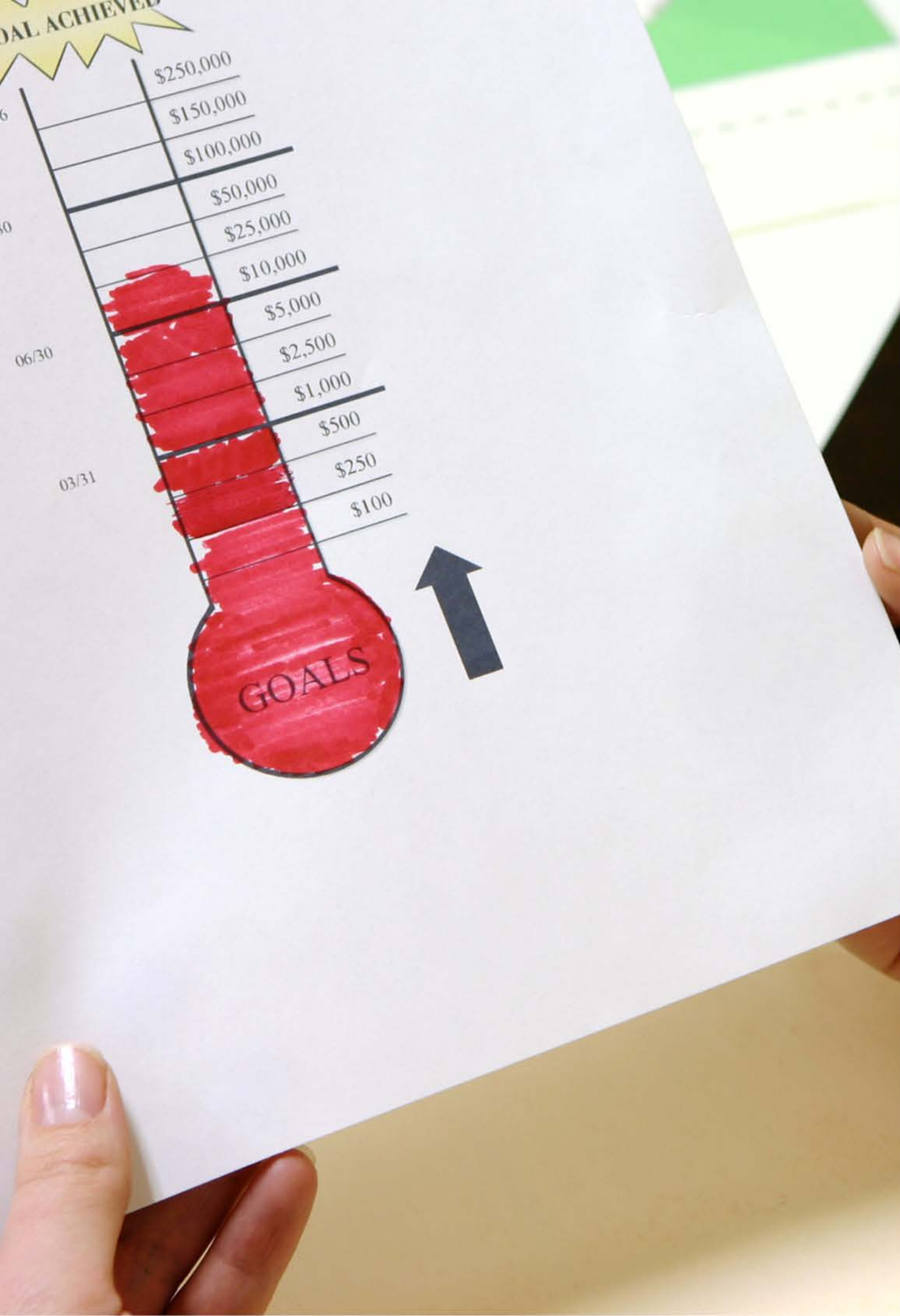
In February 2020 the Church of England adopted the aim of achieving net zero carbon by 2030. Butlers Marston Church aims to deliver this through our reorder project and have already started to make progress on this. The design and construction of the proposals will respect the needs of sustainability.

We registered and submitted our first survey in April 2019. We submitted an updated survey in Feb 2024. We have made some progress, and have achieved Gold standard for "worship and teaching" and Bronze for "land" and "lifestyle".



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# Project Funding

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Once the reorder project is approved by the PCC and DAC we will need to look at multiple funding opportunities from both secular and non-secular sources.

**Church** - All Churches Trust, Archer Trust, Cinnamon Network,

**Retailers foundations** - Asda, B&Q, Co-op, Greggs, Sainsburys, Screwfix

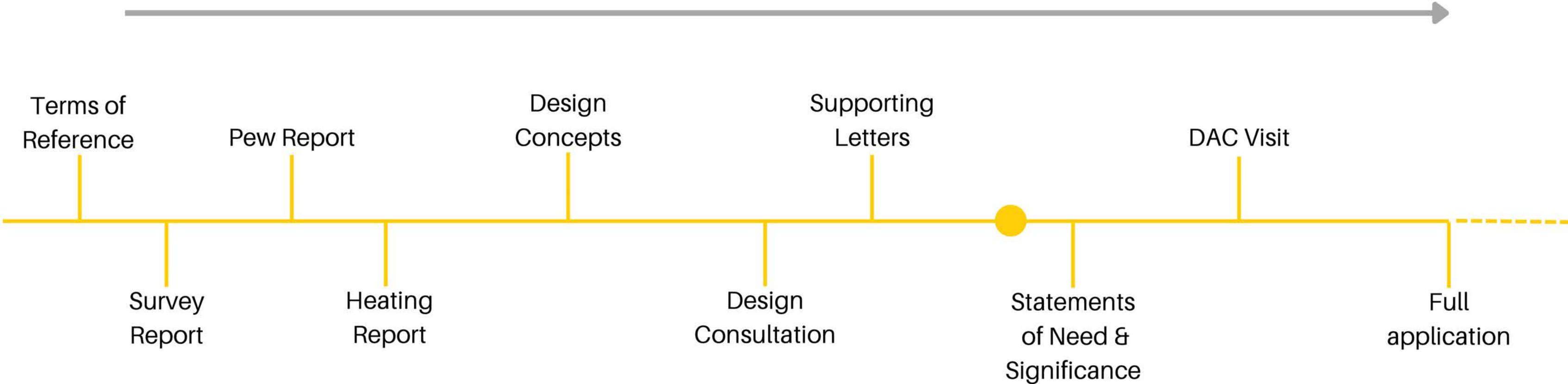
**Charities** - Henry Smith, Hobson, Joseph Rank, Trusthouse

**Lottery** - Arts Council England, National Lottery Community Fund

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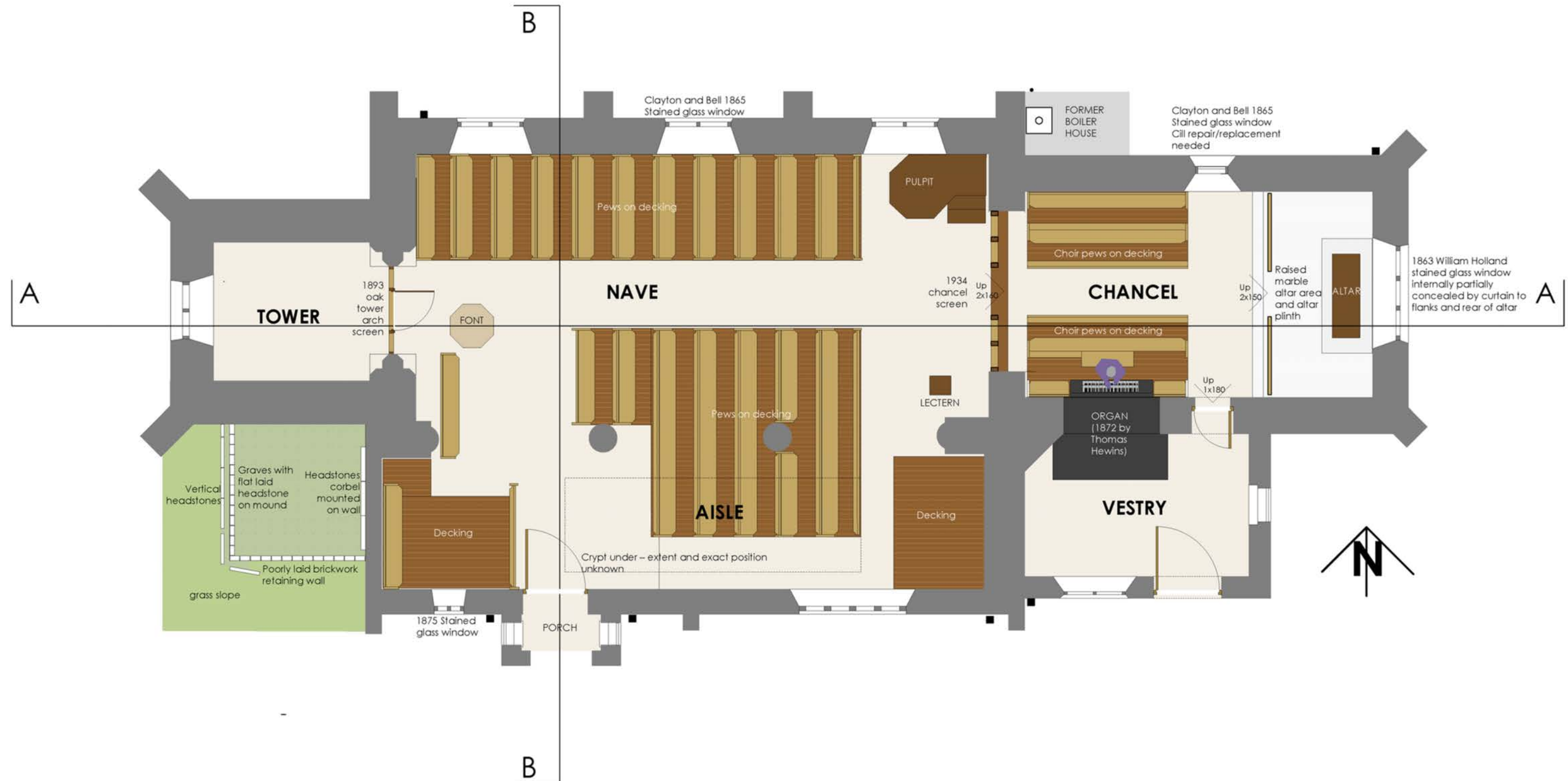


# Schedule





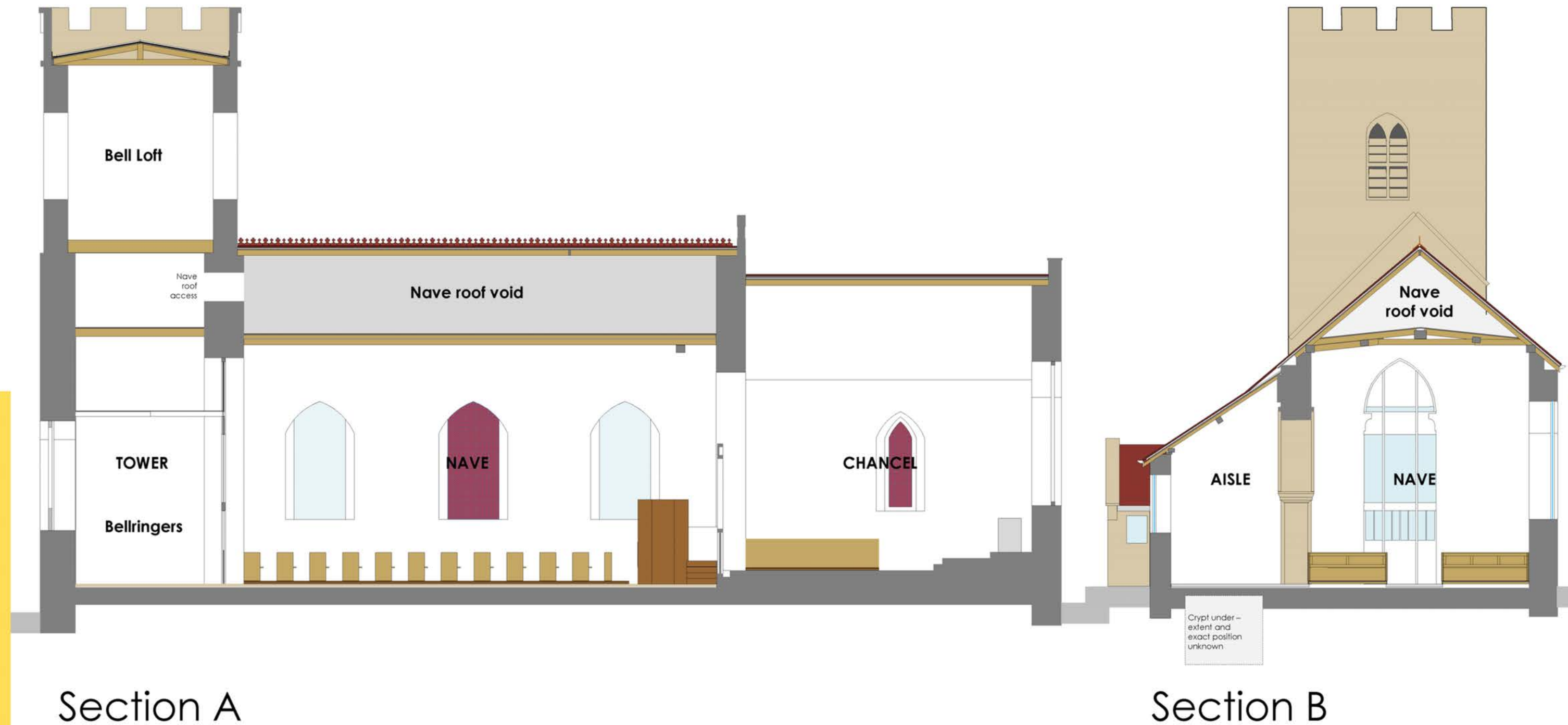
# Existing Plan





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# Existing Section





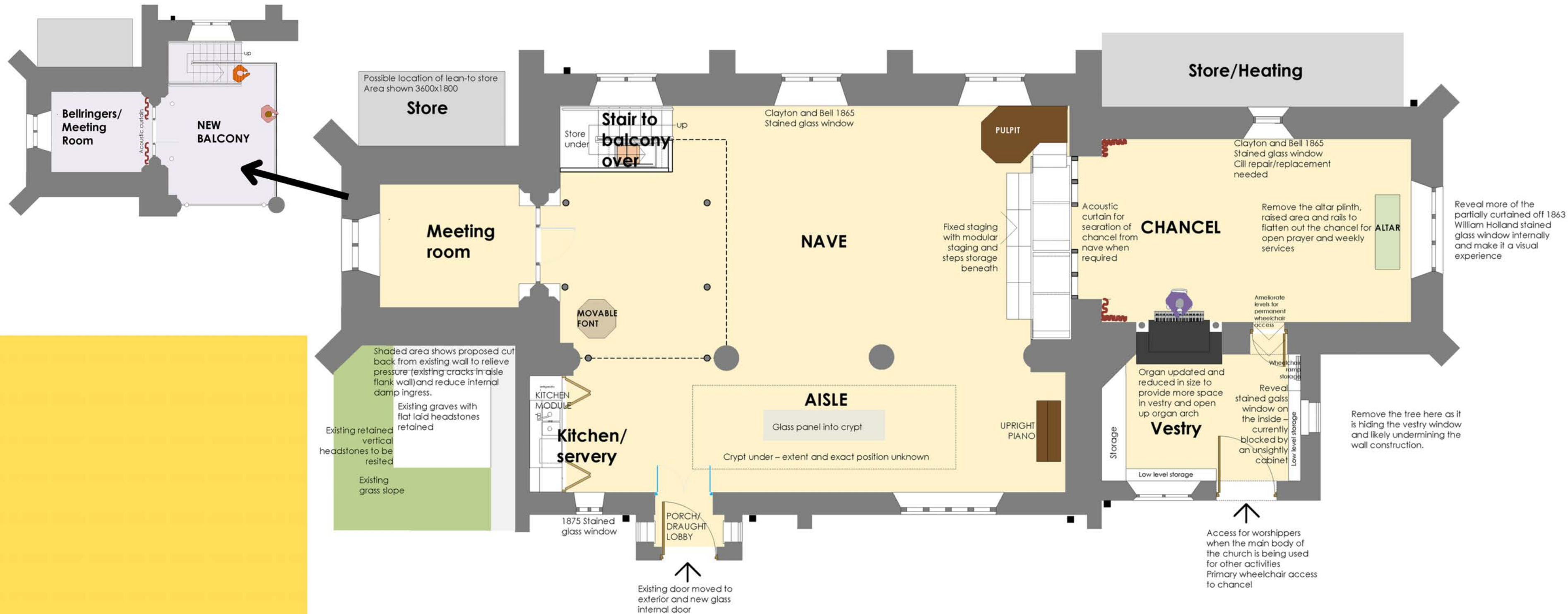
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# Concept Proposal

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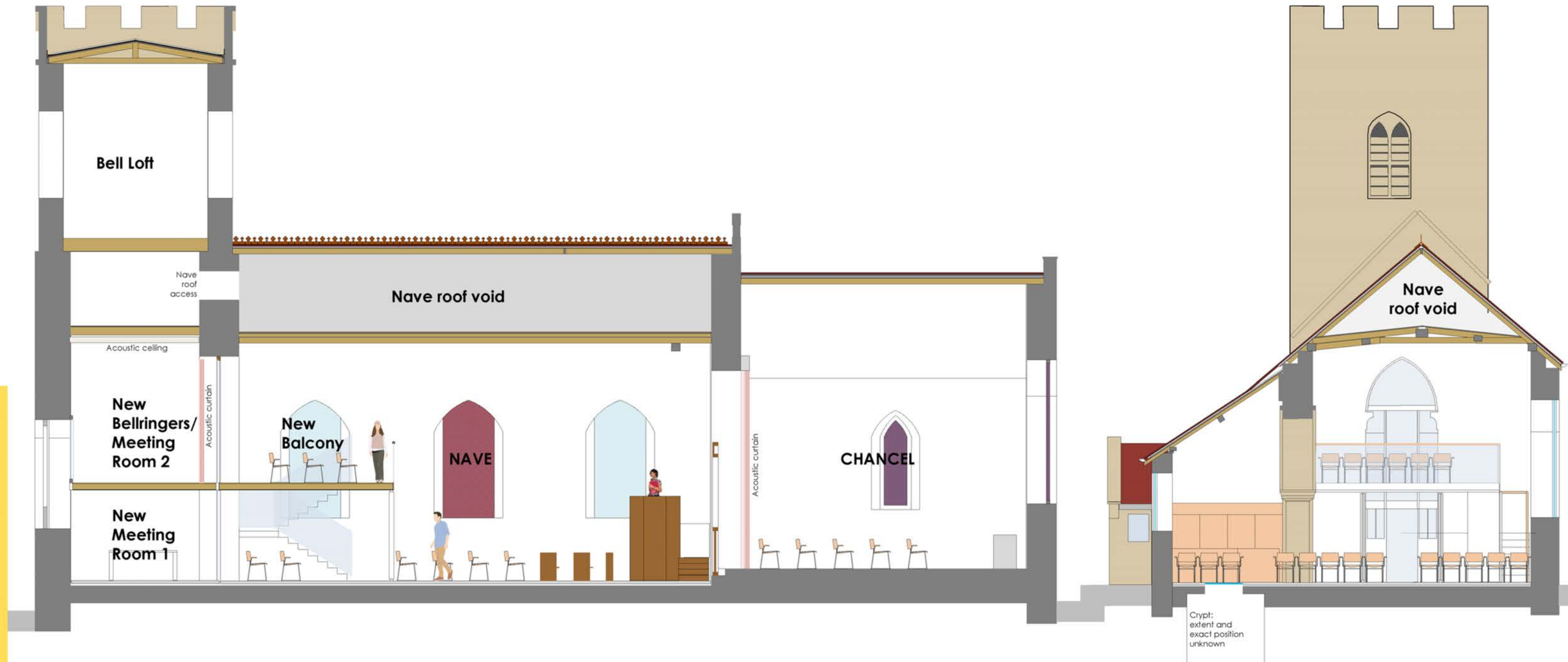
# Proposed Plan





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# Proposed Section

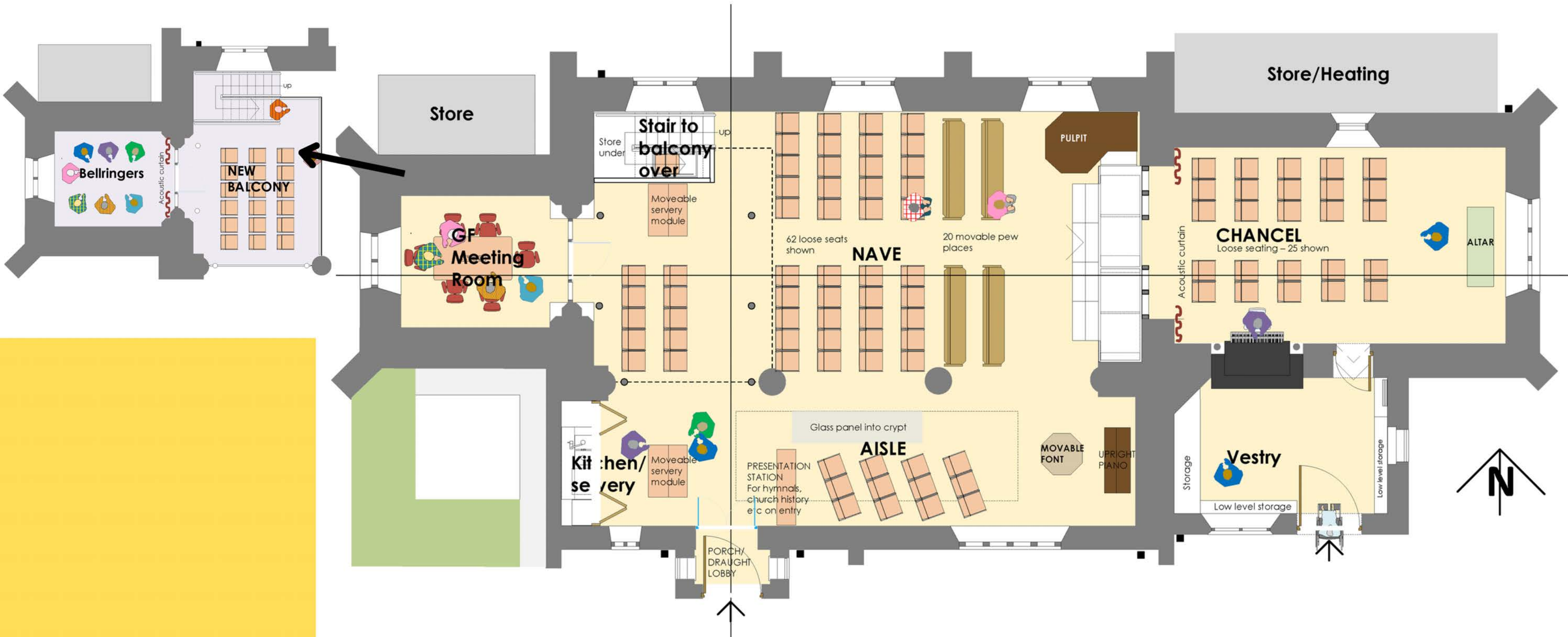


Section A

Section B



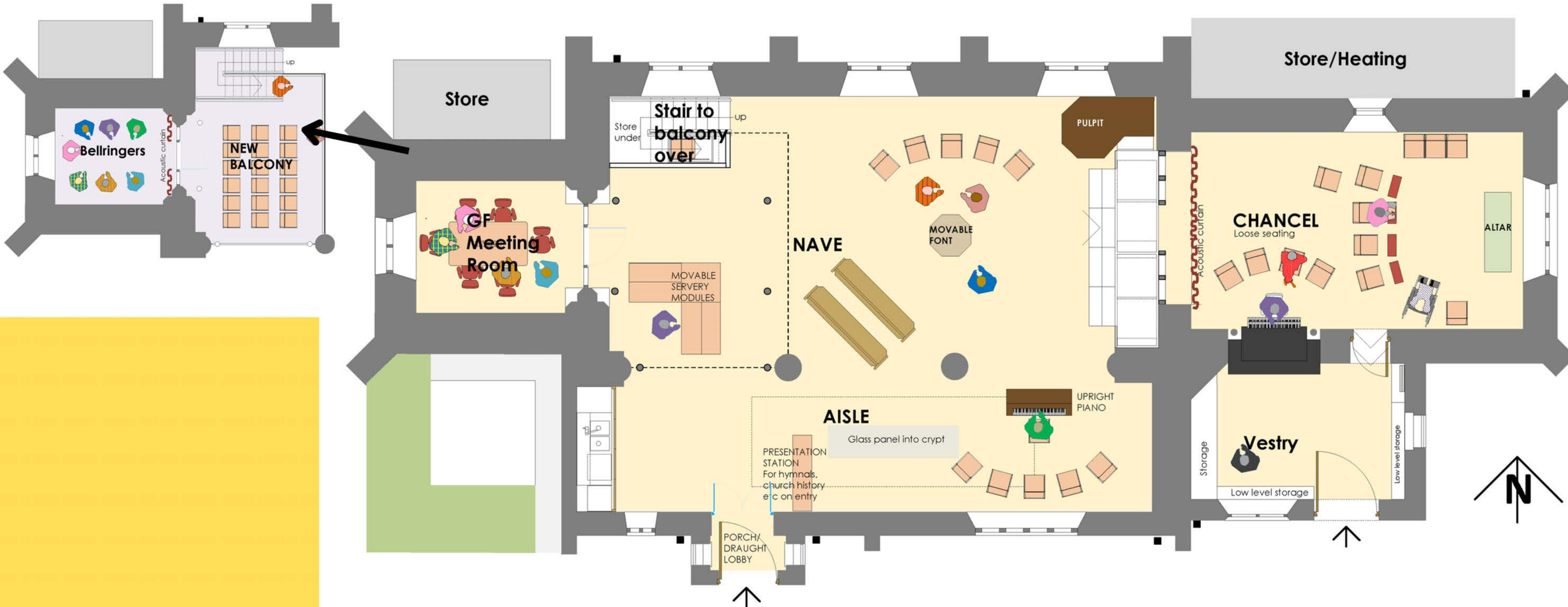
# Worship Layout





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# Christening





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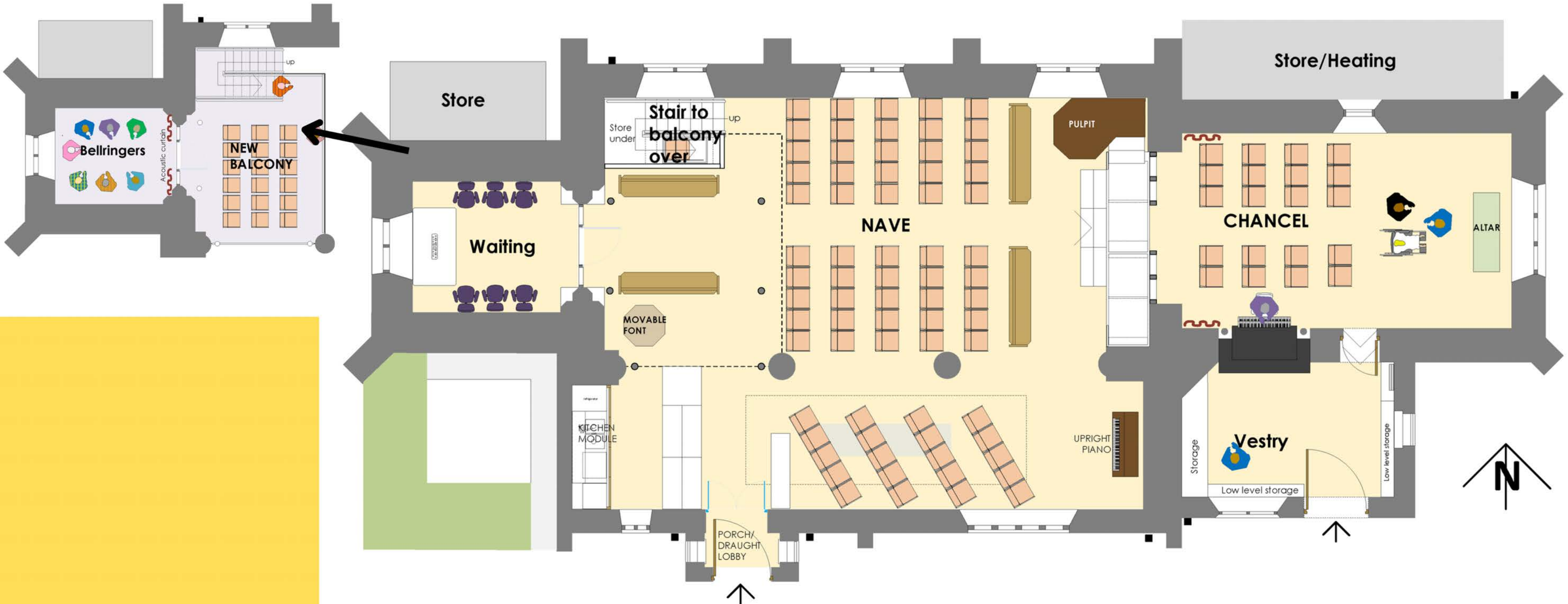
# Service in the Round





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# Wedding





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# Secular Options

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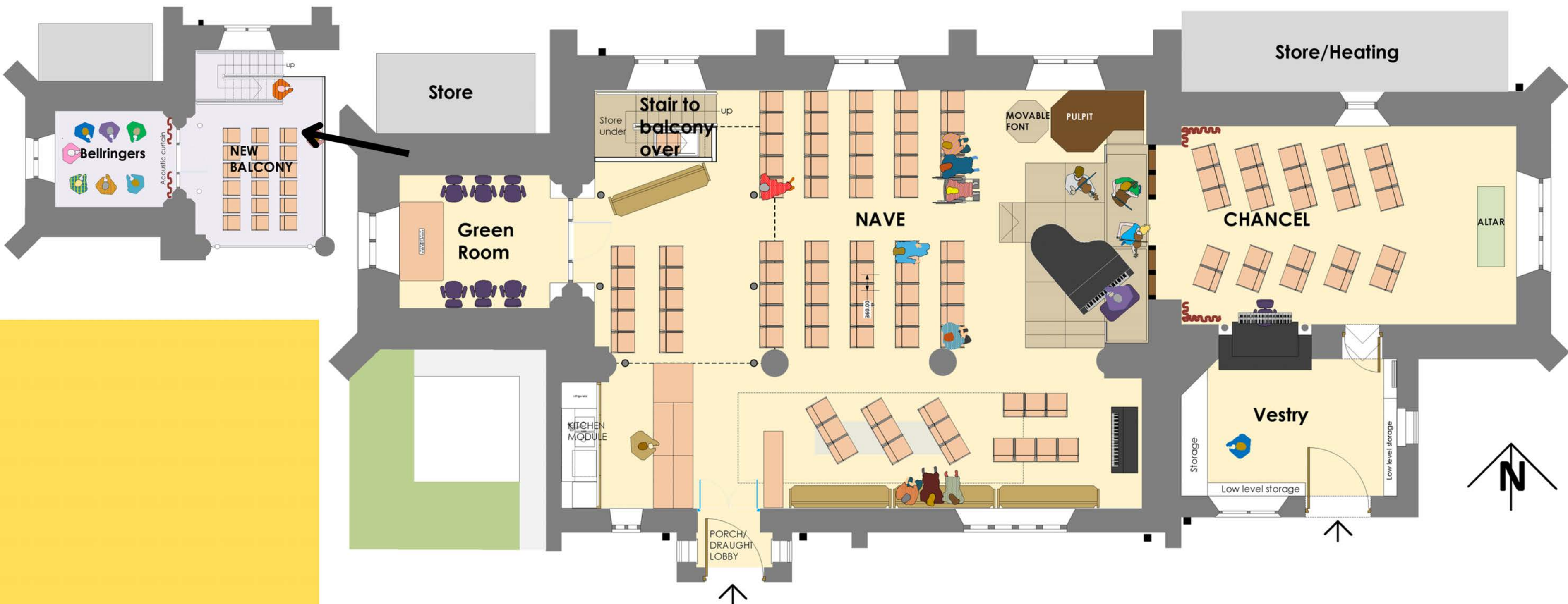
# Harvest Supper





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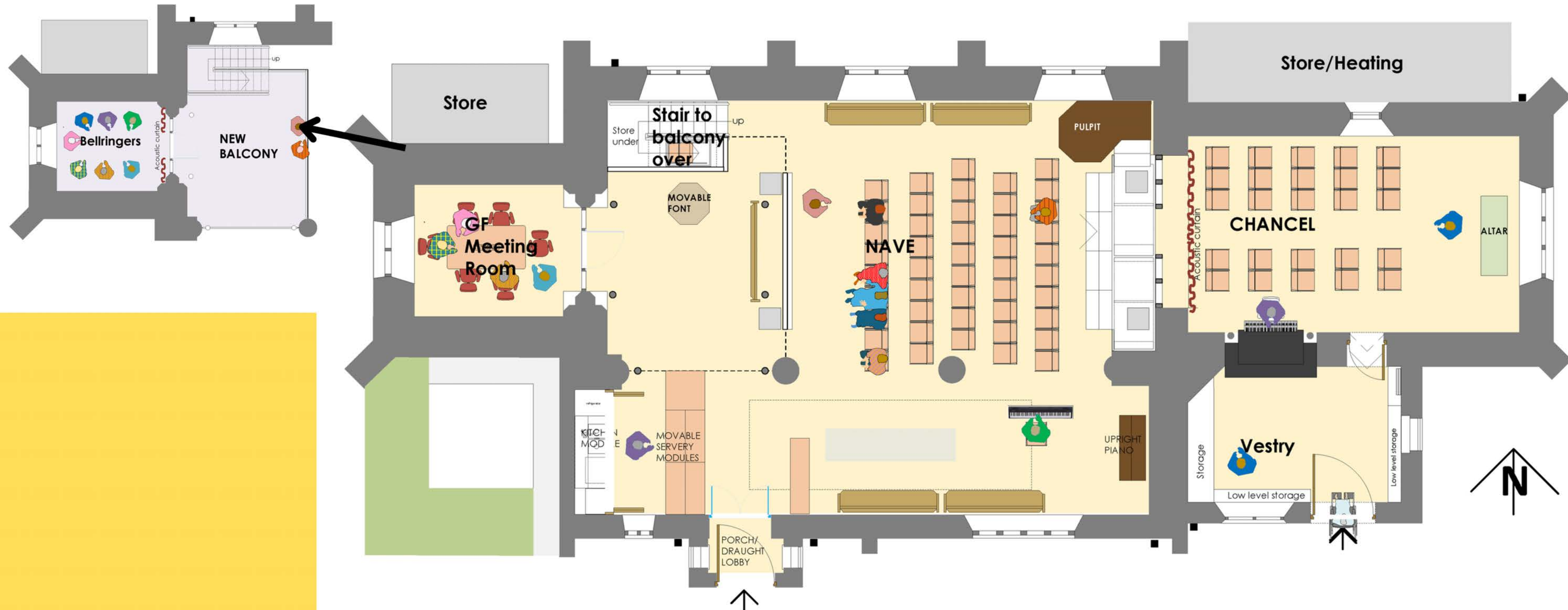
# Performances





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# Film Night





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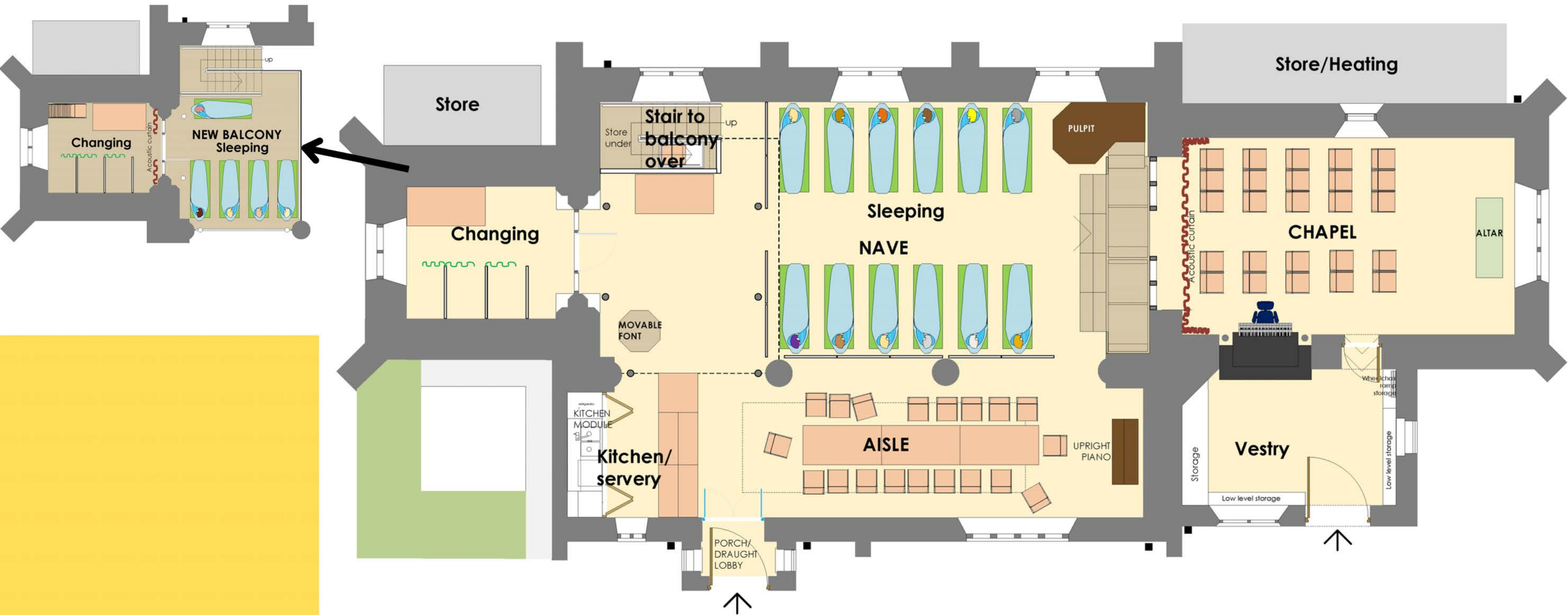
# MMU Night





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# Champing Retreat





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