

Form 2  
(Rule 4.9)  
**Diocesan Advisory Committee**  
**Notification of Advice**

This notification constitutes advice only and does not give you permission to carry out the works or other proposals to which it relates. A faculty must be obtained from the court before the works or proposals may lawfully be carried out.

In the diocese of St Albans

Parish of Croxley Green, All Saints

Church of Croxley Green, All Saints

The church is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

The listing is grade II

At a meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee held on 12/07/2022

The following works or other proposals were considered:

The works or proposals should be described in the petition for a faculty and in the public notice in the same way as they are described here.

Repair to three clear glass leaded light windows. Replace missing and broken quarries with glass to match the original as closely as possible.

The Committee RECOMMENDS the works or proposals for approval by the court:

The DAC commented:

The parish might consider it worthwhile to investigate some form of protection, e.g. wire-guards, if it seems likely that damage of this sort might occur in the future.

This advice does not constitute authority for carrying out the works or proposals and a faculty is required.

In the opinion of the Committee the work or part of the work proposed is not likely to affect

- the character of the church as a building of special architectural or historic interest
- the archaeological importance of the building
- archaeological remains existing within the church or its curtilage

In the opinion of the Committee rule 9.9 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules (publication of notice on diocesan or other publicly accessible website) does not apply to the works or proposals

This advice is valid for 24 months from the date given below

Signed: Mrs Emma Critchley                      Date: 15/07/2022  
Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee



# STATEMENT OF NEED

## Section 1. General information

This should provide an overview of the parish and the current use of the building.

### The parish

**History:** The ecclesiastical parish of All Saints' Croxley Green, titled for the hamlet of the same name, was formed in 1872 from parts of the parishes of Rickmansworth and Watford. Originally within the Diocese of Rochester, All Saints' became part of the St Albans Diocese on its creation in 1877. There were boundary changes in 1956, first when the parish of St Oswald's was carved out of the eastern part of All Saints' parish, and then in 1989: Formerly, the parish extended further to the north- west occupying Micklefield, now part of Holy Cross Sarratt parish, and followed field boundaries. With the newly built M25 representing a formidable physical barrier, it made practical sense to designate it the boundary between the two parishes. Today the ecclesiastical parish of All Saints', along with that of St Oswald's, is largely though not wholly contained within the civic parish of Croxley Green created in 1986 as the first tier of local government within Three Rivers District. All Saints' parish is part of the Rickmansworth Deanery.

**Population:** At the last published census, in 2011, the civic parish was recorded as having 5300 houses and a population of 12,600. The population of All Saints' parish was almost exactly half the size of the civic parish, 6,100 in 2011, having risen from 5,500 recorded at the 2001 census. Of the 6,100, 350 were aged 1-4; 900 aged 5-15; 3750 aged 16-64 and 1100 aged over 65. In slightly more detail, it appears that in relation to both local and national pictures, Croxley Green had many fewer resident young adults between 20 and 29, somewhat fewer older adults between 30 and 39, but rather more between 40 and 59, the parish's biggest demographic. These figures may reflect young adults moving away from Croxley Green to find work and live elsewhere in the country. Or they may reflect the housing stock (and the relative cost of property) in Croxley Green with newcomers only able to afford to move into Croxley Green once they are established in their careers. In reality probably both play a part.

**Education and economics:** The parish appears relatively well educated/qualified and prosperous compared with the national picture: thirty six per cent of the adult (over 16) population has a bachelor's degree or its equivalent, or higher qualifications; the national average is 27%. Seventeen per cent have no qualifications; the national average is 22%. Eighty eight per cent of households live in their own homes or rent privately. Twelve per cent live in social housing. Eighty four per cent of households have cars (or vans).

**The All Saints' congregation:** In the 2011 census 3,800 parishioners (62% of the population) said they were Christians. Approximately 2.7 % of them are on the parish roll. And although the adult congregation seems to have an age profile similar to that of the diocese, with around half over 65, there is a strong children's and young family's presence through the monthly family services and informal services.

**Use of the church building** *What follows is largely a description of the use of the church under the 'normal' circumstances of the recent past before the onset of the Covid19 pandemic, and which it is profoundly to be hoped will obtain in the not-too-distant future,*

The church follows a Modern Catholic tradition: vestments are worn and the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. There is a choir, which includes adults and young people. The vicar is supported by a retired priest, Revd. Dr. Anne Shaw and by recently ordained priest Revd. Paul Palmer

### **Sunday Worship**

8.00 am: Holy Communion; from BCP (once a month)

9.45 am: Parish Communion (*except 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*); 10.45am # 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship (*informal Communion service*);

11.30 am: Family Service (*3rd Sunday in month except for August and December*);

### **Weekday Worship**

Morning Prayer daily: Monday, Wed & Fri 8am; Livestreamed.

Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

10.45am Holy Communion at Croxley House Residential Home

Wednesday 10.45 Service at Clarendon Lodge Residential Home

### **Christmas**

The church hosts Christmas Carol Services for 5 local schools, each filling the church to capacity.

Other Services include:

Advent Carol Service, Christingle, Carol Service, Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Services. Over the Christmas period combined congregations exceed 2000.

### **Easter**

A full programme of Easter services celebrated during Holy Week including a Passover meal, which is held in the church.

### **Other services**

Also hosted are the annual Civic Remembrance Day Service, Service of Remembrance for the Departed, Harvest Festival and Mothering Sunday services. In addition there are an average of 10 Baptisms, 4 weddings and 10 Funerals that take place each year in the church.

The Church is open every day for private prayer and meditation from 7am to approaching dusk. This is well used by people in our community not only for prayer but for young parents wanting some quiet time/space whilst the children avail themselves of the toys and activities that have been set out in church for them.

Following the recent refurbishment, parts of the church have been developed into small prayer areas where people can find privacy as they pray, or merely sit quietly.

### **Other Events.**

Having an excellent acoustic, the church building is in some demand for musical and theatrical events. These include for instance a Jazz band and a workshop orchestra. Other concerts are held, both orchestral and choral. A Children's Drama Group occasionally uses the church for rehearsals. The building is heavily used during the annual Church Christmas. Having gained an excellent reputation both locally and

further afield the events are well supported. Other events also include Cribfests during the weekend before Christmas. The Lent Course is also held in the church (to accommodate numbers attending) as are other courses. We have regular visits from a number of local schools during the year as part of their curriculum. The church plays a major part in the annual Armistice commemoration.

As with many (most) churches All Saints' as is apparent from the foregoing paragraph, has always played, and continues to play, a full part in the life of the village. This extends beyond the explicitly spiritual, that is a place to worship, but includes social, musical, historical and ceremonial roles.

## **Section 2. What do you need?**

*Briefly explain your needs (not your proposals). Append any brief for your architect.*

Repair to three clear glass leaded light windows which have missing or broken quarries.

## **Section 3. The proposals**

### **Window 1) Leaded light window at the base of the Bell Tower.**

Remove the damaged panel and board up the hole. Take a rubbing of the glazing, dismantle and clean all re-usable glass with de-ionised water. No chemical or abrasive methods would be used. Replace missing and broken quarries with glass to match the original as closely as possible. Re-assemble the glazing using lead of matching profiles.

Cement in the traditional manner and affix copper tie wires at the original locations, adding more where possible to attain maximum support. Polish the lead to a dark sheen. Return to site and reinstate the glazing along with the bars, using lime mortar.

### **Window 2) Leaded light window in North Nave**

Replace 3 broken diamond quarries in the westerly light.

### **Window 3) Leaded light in Choir Vestry**

Replace 3 broken diamond quarries.

## **Section 4. Why do you need it and why do you need it now?**

This is part of the maintenance and repair of the church to ensure the church is in the best possible condition for the continuing worship at All Saints'.

## Section 5. Justification

*If the proposals are likely to harm the significance outlined in the Statement of significance, explain how the proposals would result in public benefits, which outweigh such harm (public benefits include matters such as liturgical freedom, pastoral wellbeing and putting the church to viable uses that are consistent with its role as a place of worship and mission).*

In our view, the proposals will not harm the significance





## **FACULTY APPLICATION - REPAIR TO THREE CLEAR GLASS LEADED LIGHT WINDOWS.**

### **Pictures of damage and description of repairs to be carried out.**

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#### **Window 2) Leaded light window in North Nave**



Replace 3 broken diamond quarries in the westerly light with glass to match the original as closely as possible.



### Window 3) Leaded light in Choir Vestry



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Form 1A  
(Rules 4.2 and 5.5)  
Standard Information (parish churches etc.)

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**Parish of Croxley Green, All Saints**

**Church of Croxley Green, All Saints**

Approximate date of church 1872-1908

Is the church listed? Yes

If so, please state whether it is grade I, II\* or II

II

Is the church or churchyard wholly or partly scheduled as an ancient monument?

No

Is the church or churchyard in a conservation area?

Yes

If it is, please state which conservation area

The Green- Croxley Green

Is the church or churchyard in a national park?

No

If it is, please state which national park

Is there any evidence that bats use the church or its curtilage?

No

Please give details of any privately owned chapels, aisles or windows

none

Is there anybody other than the parochial church council who is liable to pay for repairs to the chancel?

none

Is the churchyard or burial ground consecrated (whether closed or not)?

Yes

Has it been used for burials?

Yes

Is it still used for burials?

Yes

If the churchyard or burial ground is no longer used for burials has it been closed by Order in Council? No

If it has, please give the date of the Order

Are there any graves that are identified as war graves by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission? No

Please identify any historic structures, listed tombs, war memorials or significant trees in the churchyard or burial ground

Large Cyprus Cedar tree

Please give the name and address of the architect or surveyor appointed for the church under section 45 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018

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Signed: Mr Lyndon David Palmer

Date: 11/07/2022

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