15th-20th Century

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When this church was built, and until relatively recently, **no thought** was given to how people with **disabilities** could enjoy the same **opportunities** as able bodied people.

The building was designed with **different floor levels**, and when pews were installed, they were mounted on raised platforms for insulation.

The **path** across the churchyard was laid many years ago, and has **deteriorated** over time as the stones have settled and cracked.

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20th Century

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From the late 20th century, the church has introduced various measures to help:

- Service books and Bibles in **large print**;
- Loop system for **hearing aids**;
- **Bus service** for older congregation members ;
- **Wheelchair**, for those who need help crossing the churchyard;
- **Toilets**, installed in 2000, are **disability-friendly**;
- At **communion services** we have sidespeople stationed at the **chancel step** to assist those who need a **helping hand**. Or the wine and bread can be **brought to their pew**.

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Pre-20th Century

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In earlier times, churches were designed with only the needs of **adults** in mind

Children were expected to be **'seen, but not heard'**!

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21st Century

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We love to **welcome** people of **all ages** - **couples or singles, families** and **young children** to our services.

We have a well attended **Sunday School**, which takes place in the **Primary School** next door.

Our **Open the Book** service, on the **first Sunday** of the month is particularly geared towards families - featuring the popular activities the church leads at **assemblies** in the three local **primary schools**.

We hold a regular **crèche** in the **Hollingworth Chapel**. However for families who want to stay in church and take a fuller part in services, the **carpeted area** at the **back of church** is the only place suitable for **toddlers** to crawl on the floor.

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Our Plans: Welcome and Accessible to All

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Our plans for inside the building include a **ramp up into the chancel** from the nave, and a new clear, **level passage across the front** of church from one side to the other.

The access across the **churchyard** is extremely difficult for people with mobility problems. So we propose to lay a **new path made of resin-bound stone** chippings of an appropriate colour, to provide **completely level access** from the square outside the church gates, right into the building. This path will cost around £14,000.

We think this will be a great benefit to elderly people and people with mobility difficulties, in terms of independance and equal opportunity, also parents with young children. It will enable all visitors to access our beautiful building - whether here for worship, community events or to explore its heritage.

We'd love to know what you think:

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We want to make a special, open, **family-friendly area** at the end of the **north aisle** nearest the pulpit. This would be **carpeted** and **open**, to accommodate crawling **toddlers** and **push-chairs** and all the other necessary **equipment** that families bring with them.

This will enable all family members to take a full part in worship and other events, and be able to see all that is happening.

Improvements to heating and the front porch (see other displays for details) will make the building more comfortable for everyone - but especially the very young and the elderly.

All these things will help to make the building more attractive to a wider range of people, and particularly to encourage the next generation.

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