



*Update 8 June 2019*

# CHURCH RESTORATION



# What do we want to do?

- Address the roof problems to take the church into the next 900 years ...
- To make the church more usable for the community:
  - Enhanced heating to replace the old gas heaters (inefficient and introduce moisture)
  - Another toilet accessible from church floor level
  - Dedicated server facilities at the South West
  - Open areas for flexible use with chairs to maintain capacity
  - Raised platform in front of the arch to the choir for nave altar and as a performance space
  - New flooring in certain areas, but retaining main tiled areas introduced in the Victorian era
  - A new screen at the North West to create storage for chairs etc.
  - Return the font to the South aisle.

*More detail follows – note that this summary is intended to inform about current thinking and specific details will need to be agreed with the Diocese. All diagrams are illustrative and “not to scale”.*

## What has happened to the roof?

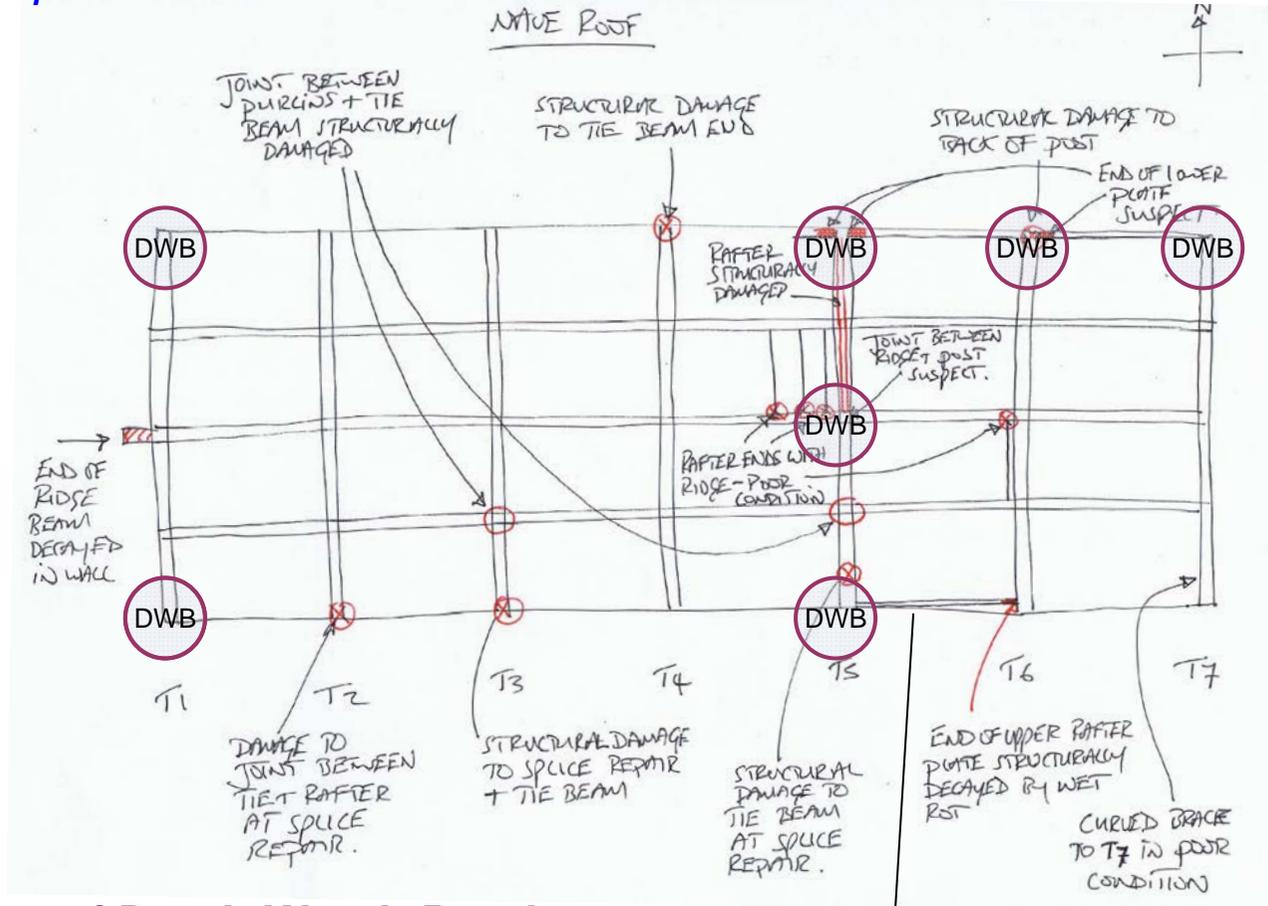
- Due to wet rot (now fixed), a roof timber has collapsed – this has prompted further investigations
- Some previous, splicing repairs have now failed
- Death Watch Beetle that will need to be treated
- A number of roof trusses and rafters need new timber splicing
- Some support brackets need to be replaced
- Horizontal metal braces in the nave need work



# Main roof area problems

*This is from the initial survey. Now the full scaffolding is in place we await a report to outline all the remedial work needed.*

West End  
&  
Bell Tower

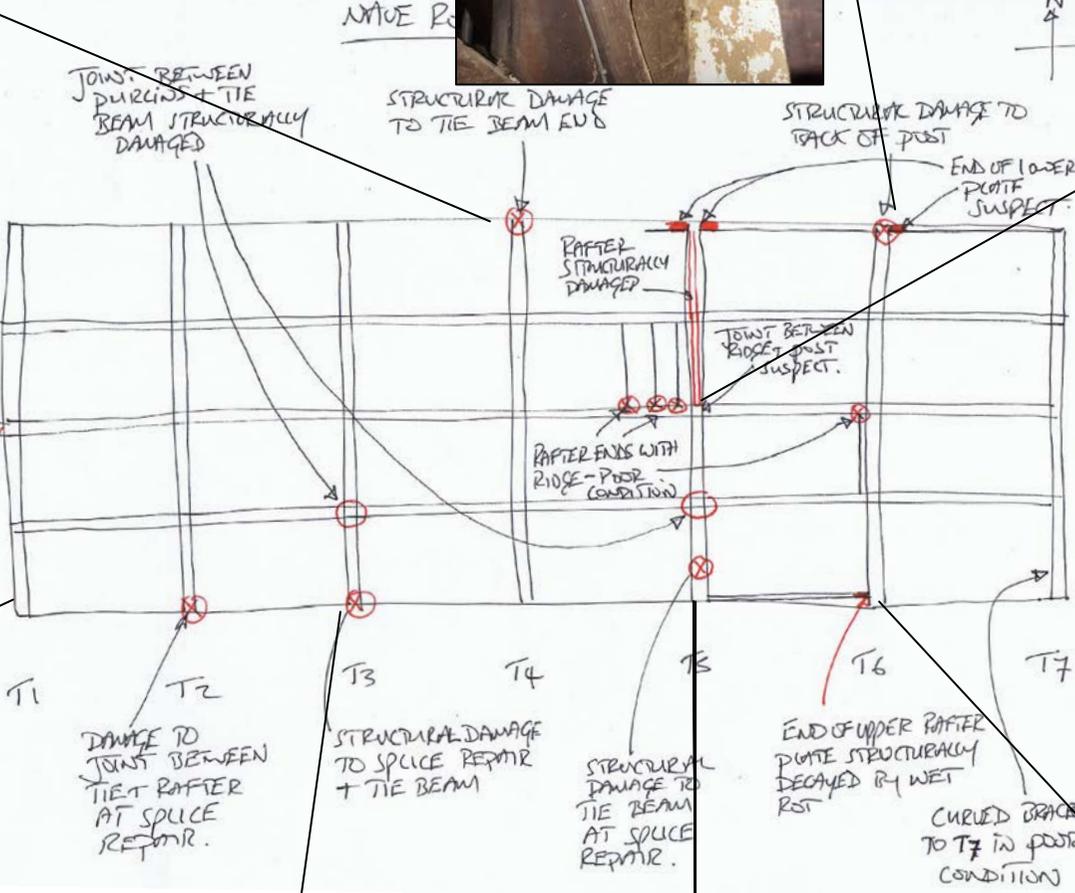


East  
Window,  
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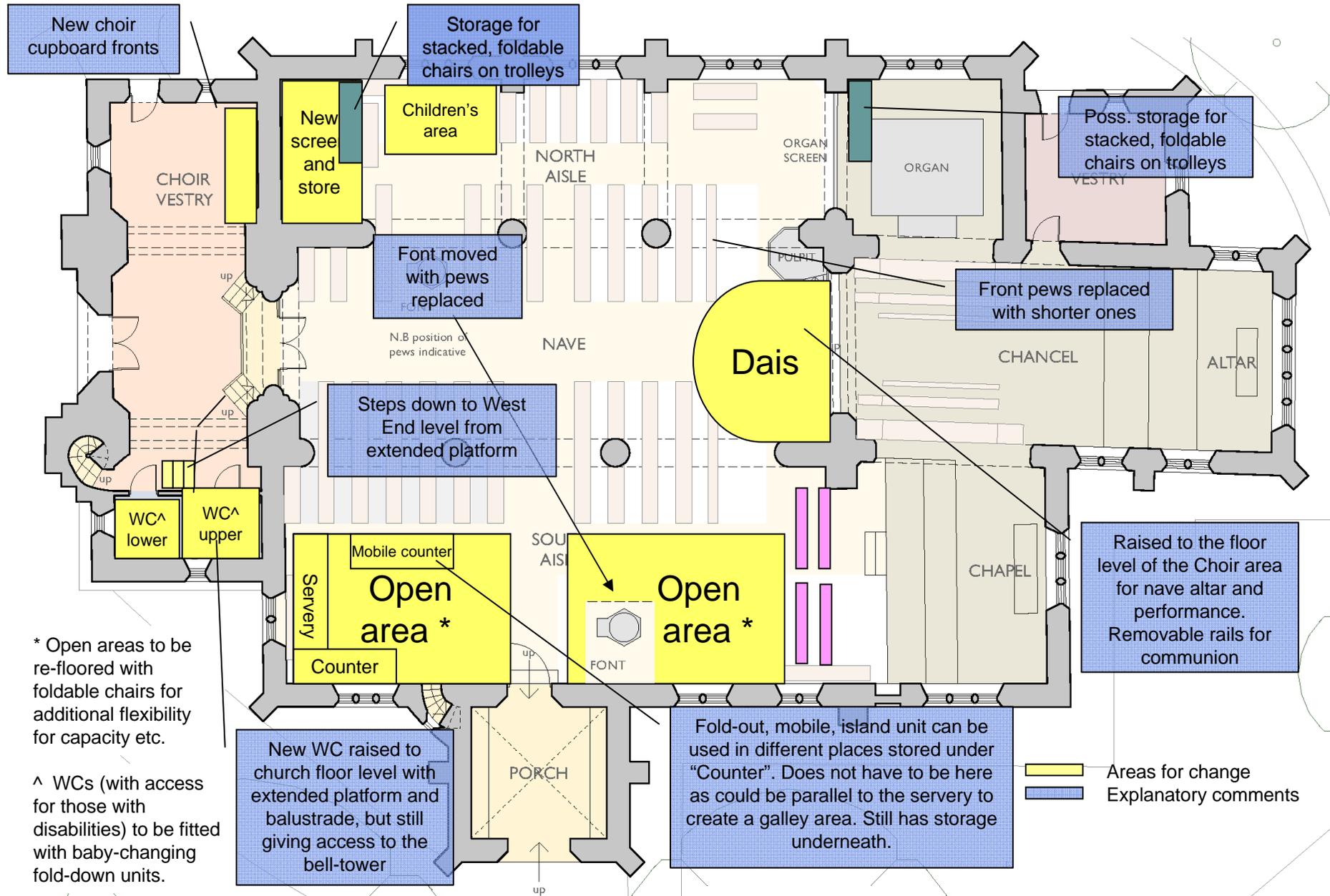
**Some areas of Death Watch Beetle (DWB), as above, although some are not considered structural**

Fallen  
 timber

# Some problems areas



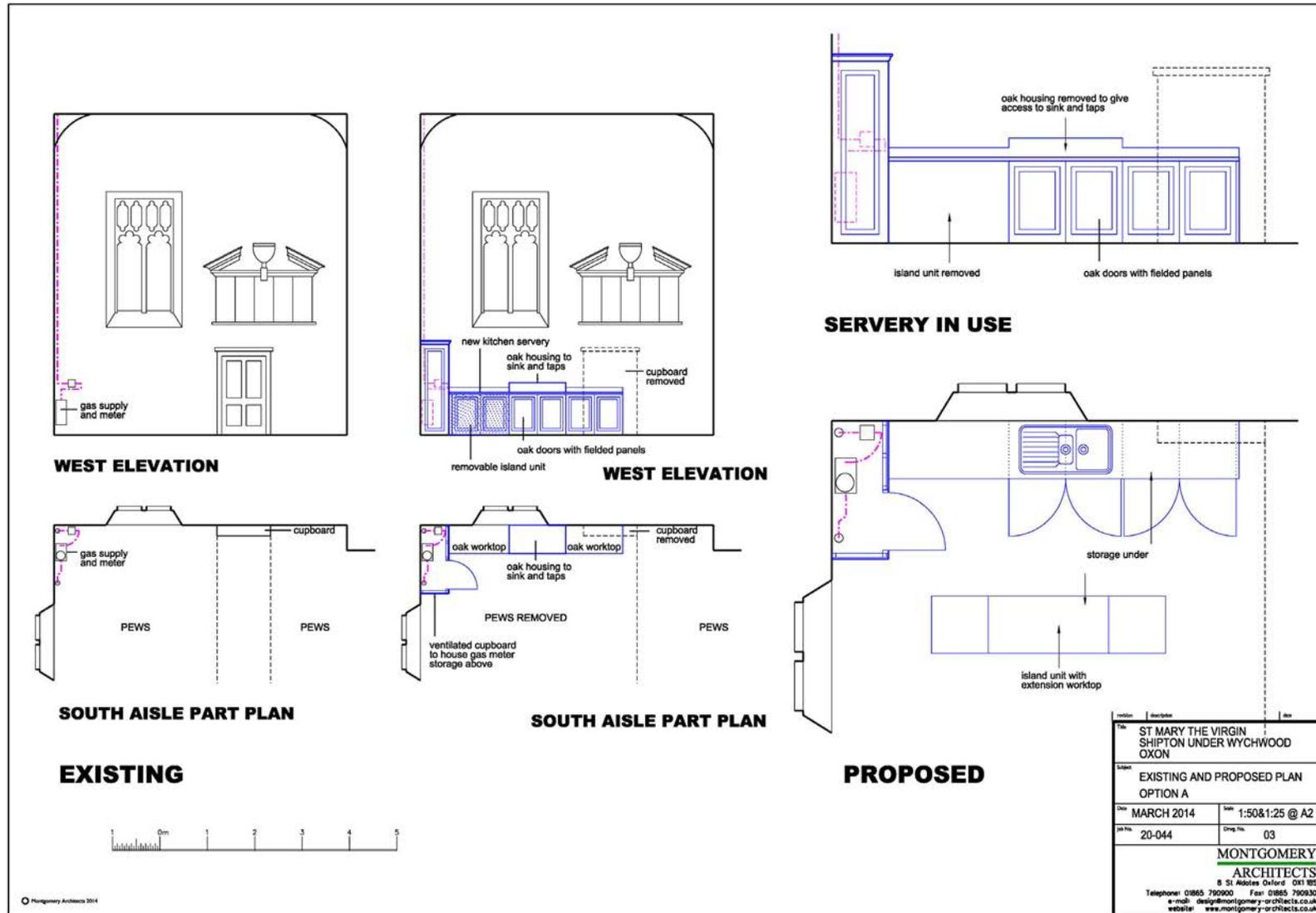
# Suggested Enhancements (excluding heating)



\* Open areas to be re-floored with foldable chairs for additional flexibility for capacity etc.

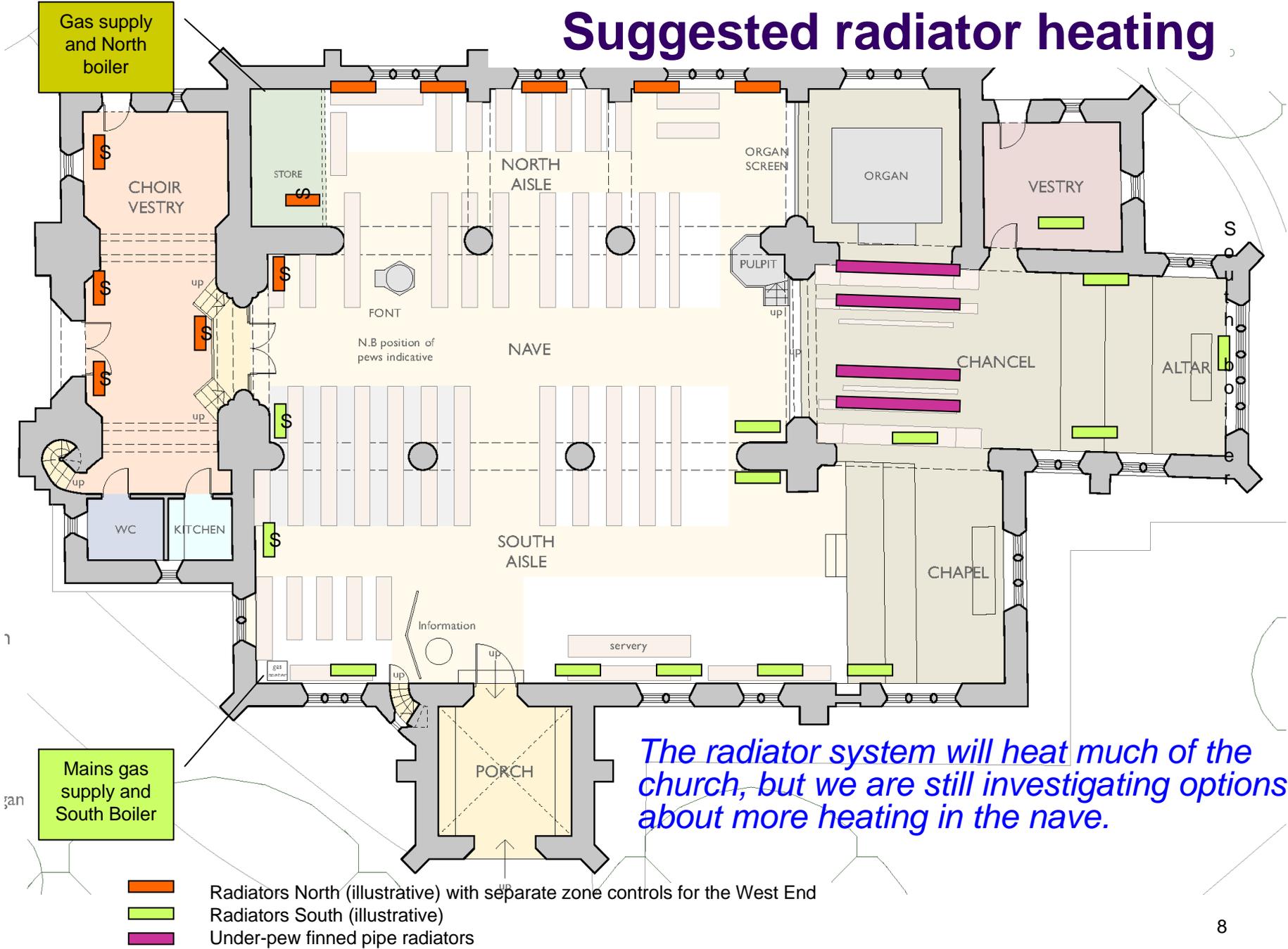
<sup>^</sup> WCs (with access for those with disabilities) to be fitted with baby-changing fold-down units.

# An Illustration of the servery area from a few years ago



We are likely to extend on the South wall to create an 'L' shape to increase storage and to incorporate the "floating island" unit

# Suggested radiator heating



# What can you do to help?

- The Parish does not have sufficient funds to be able to pay for this restoration work
- We are now fund-raising and looking into grant applications
- Donations with *Gift Aid* declarations (for taxpayers) will boost funds (forms are available in church)
- We are in the process of setting up “*The Friends of St Mary’s*” as a Registered Charity. This will assist with grant applications and there will be a series of community events.

*Further updates will be made when new information is available. If you have any comments or suggestions, or think you can offer any help with our campaign, then please drop a note into church or email [m.ndavies1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:m.ndavies1@tiscali.co.uk).*