



# Welcome to St. Leonards Church

Diocese of  
Hereford  
Proclaiming Christ + Growing Disciples





## Our purpose?

To make Jesus known and to grow in our knowledge, love and service of God.

## How?

- through our worship, prayer, teaching of scripture, music, and sacraments
- by caring for and serving our parish community and the world around us.

## Where?

To facilitate these activities, we maintain the fabric of St Weonards Church and Churchyard.





## Our vision? What are we hoping for?

- ✓ To see a regular worshipping congregation of >50 people within the next 3-5 years, and to grow disciples ... e.g.
- ✓ # children & young people baptised and attending
- ✓ # confirmed
- ✓ # weddings and funerals
- ✓ # reintroduction of mid-week service, school services and visits
- ✓ # prayer / Bible study / theological reflection groups





## What's the issue?

- ❖ The church's audio equipment dates from 1980s/90s and does not offer the capabilities we'd like as we look ahead to 2030
- ❖ For the last 12 years, All Age services have relied on personal home equipment, requiring set-up / removal on each occasion
- ❖ The current analogue to digital audio conversion does not provide reliable sound or video output for streaming services.





# **Practicalities: what would it look like?**

## **A permanent installation offering:**

- ✓ Good quality microphones for officiants and users of all ages
- ✓ Clear sound output throughout the church, including for the hearing impaired
- ✓ A large main display screen for all forms of visual content, for wider community use, + chancel display
- ✓ Simple-to-operate streaming equipment that we can offer to families at christenings, weddings, funerals, as well as for regular services
- ✓ Extra sockets for musicians





# What will the solution provide? (the project brief)

- ✓ Improve audibility and intelligibility of spoken word
- ✓ Full coverage of wireless microphones throughout the building
- ✓ Enable wireless playback of audio tracks
- ✓ Provide a bright, crisp image even in a well-lit environment
- ✓ Enable streaming of services & events to the internet
- ✓ Require minimal set-up time
- ✓ Be simple and intuitive for users of varying abilities





# Purpose?

- ✓ To enhance the audio-visual experience for regular worshippers, for those participating in life event services, and other users
- ✓ To be able to display images and video content that appeal to younger worshippers and visitors
- ✓ To make St Weonard's Church an exciting choice for worship, educational school trips, concerts, and community events
- ✓ To help us grow our congregations and number of supporters.





# Key elements of the proposal?

- 1) **Audio upgrade:** loudspeakers, microphones, system control
- 2) **Visual solution:** projection screen, projector, controls, laptop, plus foldback monitor for service leader in chancel.
- 3) **Streaming solution:** camera, streaming box, microphones.

➔ All with design, installation (~10 days), training & commissioning





# Who is installing the equipment?

St Weonards PCC has instructed DSAV Ltd:

- ✓ Parish Buying-accredited
- ✓ excellent testimonials for work in listed buildings
- ✓ 100% success of faculty applications to Diocesan Advisory Committees / Chancellors
- ✓ friendly, knowledgeable staff offering reliable technical solutions
- ✓ good quality, long-lasting equipment within mid-range budget.





# How is this project approved?

Prayerful consideration by PCC → decision in principle to go ahead with all or part of the project.

1) Audio solution – 'List B' application → approval by Archdeacon ✓ **completed June 2024**

2) Visual/streaming solution – Faculty application → endorsement by DAC **October 2024** → Registrar → review and decision by Chancellor.





# The costs are very significant – but we're investing in key infrastructure for the next generation:

- 1) Audio solution: **£16,800** incl. VAT ✓completed June 2024
  - 2) Visual solution: **£19,300** incl. VAT with long-throw projector
  - 3) Streaming solution: **£3,000** incl. VAT +5% contingency: **£1,200**
  - 4) New radiant heaters in choir: **~£1,000** incl. VAT
- Balance of project to fund: **£24,500** incl. VAT

**TOTAL PROJECT  
COST £41,300**



# Audio-Visual Project: Phase 2

## Projector + screen + streaming solution

Subject to faculty approval – see folders in north aisle for details, or go to <https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/FAS/ApplicationPublicNotice.aspx?Id=103229> to view the public notice and formal petition.

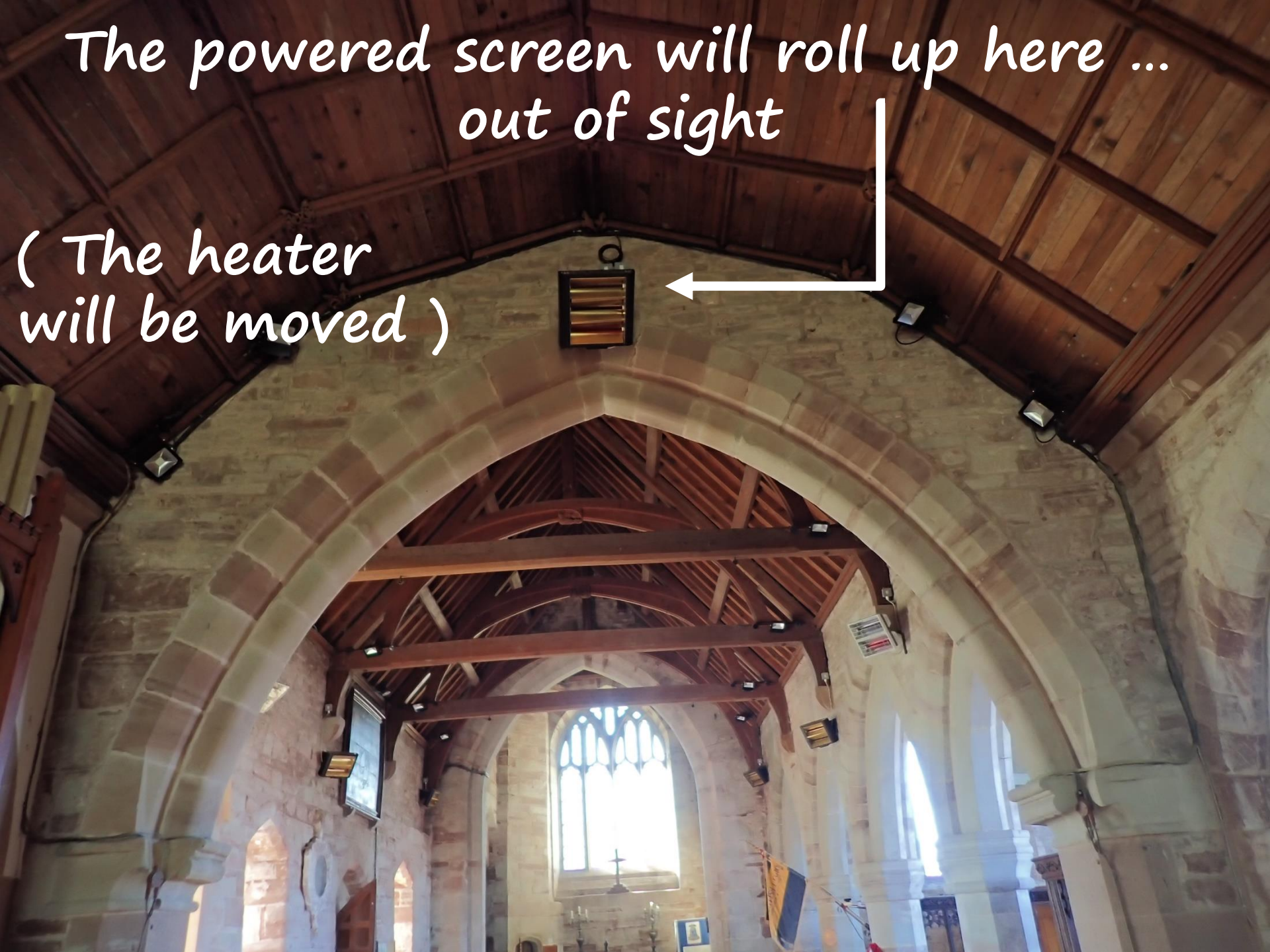
**The Diocesan Advisory Committee has approved our application. It's now at the consultation stage. Members of the public may make representations to inform the Diocesan Registrar until 21 November 2024.**

The new screen will hide behind the chancel arch when not in use



The powered screen will roll up here ...  
out of sight

( The heater  
will be moved )



*The screen will be lowered when needed*

*It will be visible for everyone in the nave  
but it won't obscure the altar*



We'll suspend  
a powerful  
laser  
projector  
from this  
nave beam ...  
so you won't  
notice it!



We'll install a  
miniature full-  
HD streaming  
camera at the  
west end.

Plus an AV  
mixing desk  
└ here



# *With this equipment, we'll be able to:*

- ✓ Offer much clearer on-screen presentation of orders of service
- ✓ Use worship songs alongside traditional hymns
- ✓ Screen video or film clips to illustrate sermons or reflections
- ✓ Offer wedding couples the option of a recording of their service
- ✓ Show photos of loved ones before a funeral or memorial service
- ✓ Enhance educational visits by primary school children
- ✓ Provide the wider St Weonards community with an attractive place to hold an event requiring slides and/or music
- ✓ Offer other churches an alternative venue for meetings
- ✓ (Perhaps) be a Promoter for Arts Alive and screen 'Flicks in the Sticks' films
- ✓ Host Archenfield Arts Festival events (again)
- ✓ Live-stream in a more professional yet simple-to-operate way to those who currently join St Weonards services on Zoom

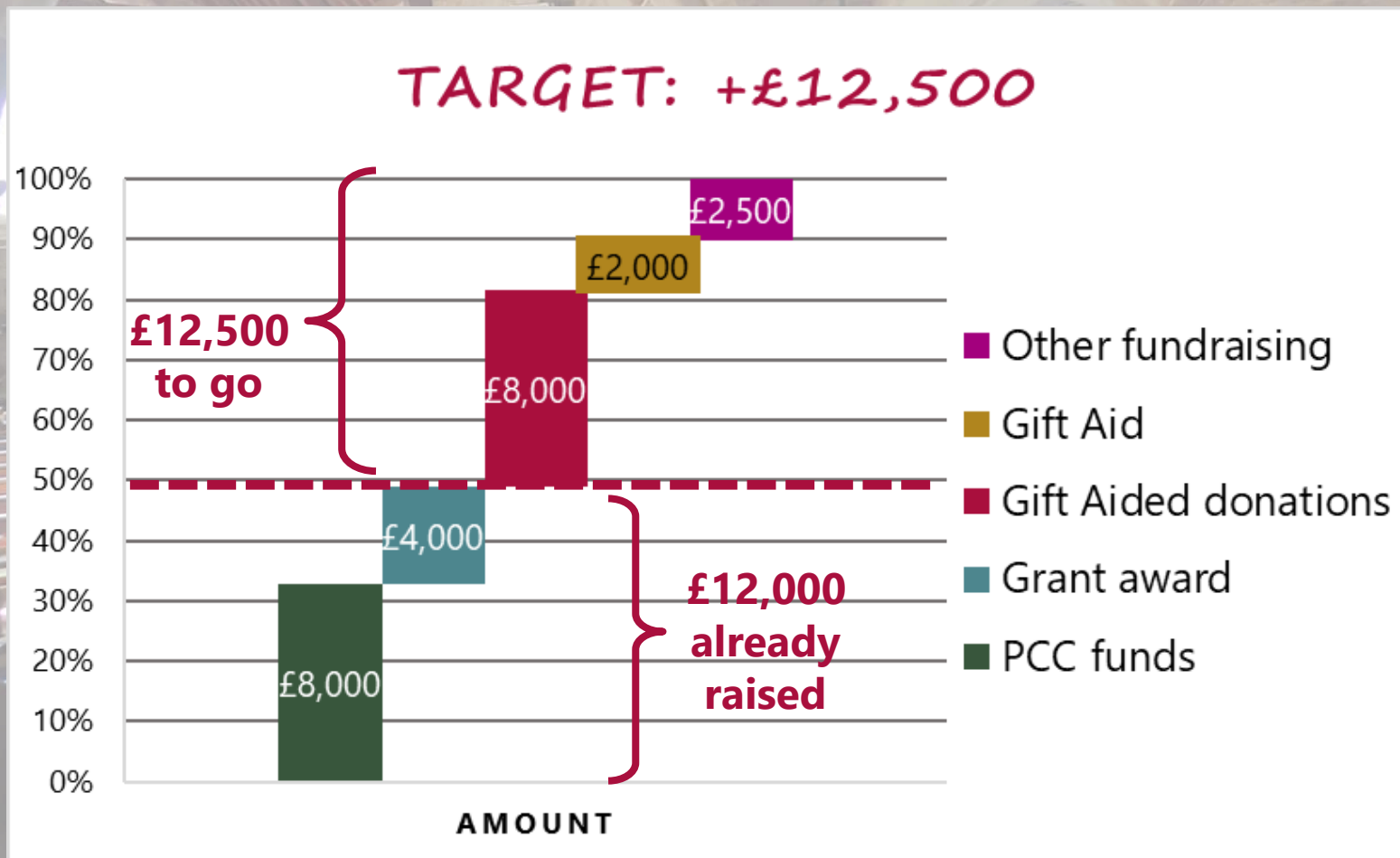
So how do we bring this exciting  
21<sup>st</sup> century tech to our village church?

With your help ...



This kit is expensive, but it's a wonderful investment to benefit our community ...

... we can do it!



# Next steps:

1. **PRAY** – for the faculty, our mission
2. **TELL** – friends, family, neighbours
3. **GIVE** – if you can



[givealittle.co/c/4DmNupZ167xmqGzB7SqS8V](https://givealittle.co/c/4DmNupZ167xmqGzB7SqS8V)

# Thank you so much



Your generous gift will help us install a new screen, projector, and streaming camera in St Weonard's Church in 2025

## Ways to give:

- Online via this QR code
- Bank transfer
- Cheque

[givealittle.co/c/4DmNupZ167xmqGzB7SqS8V](https://givealittle.co/c/4DmNupZ167xmqGzB7SqS8V)



Please Gift Aid your donation if you can

To make a **bank transfer**, please contact the St Weonards PCC Treasurer for details by emailing [stweonardspcc@gmail.com](mailto:stweonardspcc@gmail.com)  
Please include reference: AV appeal

**Cheques** payable to: St Weonards PCC  
Post to: Mr S Herbert, Hon. Treasurer  
Treago, St. Weonards, Hereford HR2 8QB

Thank you  
so much!

Please note that if we exceed the target needed for this project, St Weonards PCC reserves the right to apply any surplus to its general charitable purposes.

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