

Resource for Mission 2018

The Congregational Board and Kirk Session spent a lot of 2017 considering the future of our buildings, and the feedback from the congregation at the September gatherings was very helpful. An architect's "Futures Study" was commissioned, and in December the Board & Session considered that study and local recommendations.



What has been agreed is a phased plan, under the heading "Resource for Mission." That title reminds us why we do this work – our buildings serve the mission of God in Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman, and need upgraded to do that for the 21st century.

Resource for Mission Phase 1:

- In Duffus Kirk, create accessible toilet to regulation standards, with appropriate access from church hall, and ramp from back door to Church Road
- Upgrade Duffus Kirk kitchen
- Improve brightness in Duffus Kirk Hall by removing noticeboards on partition with sanctuary
- Improve accessibility in Spynie Kirk by removing raised platform, and one pew opposite east door; also widening door to kitchen
- Improve accessibility outside Spynie Kirk with a good path from vestry door to hard-standing, and to car park
- Resolve the damp on the west wall of Spynie Kirk, and at vestry
- Explore options for use of Spynie Kirk as a retreat centre or gathering space for outdoor or art activities
- Replace the flooring in Hopeman Kirk Hall
- Improve visibility and light in Hopeman Kirk entrance with glass panels in doors
- Explore options for a complete replacement heating system in Hopeman Kirk sanctuary, sustainable for the future
- Plan for phase 2 possibilities of an enclosed room at the Hopeman children's area, and alternative access from the Hopeman gallery
- Get good portable sound system and WiFi

Resource for Mission Phase 2:

- Increase size of Duffus Kirk children's area
- Feature lighting for spire, banner and window at Duffus Kirk
- Create circulation and children's space at west side of Spynie, by removing pews by kitchen
- Implement Hopeman Kirk replacement heating system
- Implement Hopeman Kirk children's area room

- Implement Hopeman Kirk gallery access
- Improve disabled escape by Hopeman kitchen

Phase 3 includes further tweaks and recommendations, which will need further consideration over 2018 – the Board & Session have only committed to phases 1 and 2 at present.

To implement this work, there are 2 working groups:

- **Resource for Mission Steering Group**, to deal with practicalities, plans, quotes and getting the work done. Chaired by John Chesney
- **Resource for Mission Fundraising Group**, to raise the funds needed for the whole project across its phases. Chaired by Shona Rowand.

These groups will need all our support and help, to make this project happen, and make our church buildings a fit resource for 21st century mission. Please help out in any way you can – volunteers are always welcome.

We will keep everyone up to date with progress on planning, costs, timescales, and fundraising ideas. Any questions or ideas, just get in touch.

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