

The background of the slide is a photograph of All Saints' Church in Cottenham. The church is a tall, dark stone building with a prominent square tower and a spire. Several windows are illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. Bare tree branches are visible in the foreground and to the left, suggesting a winter or late autumn setting. A bright, multi-pointed starburst graphic is positioned behind the word "Fellowship" in the title.

All Saints' Fellowship Tea

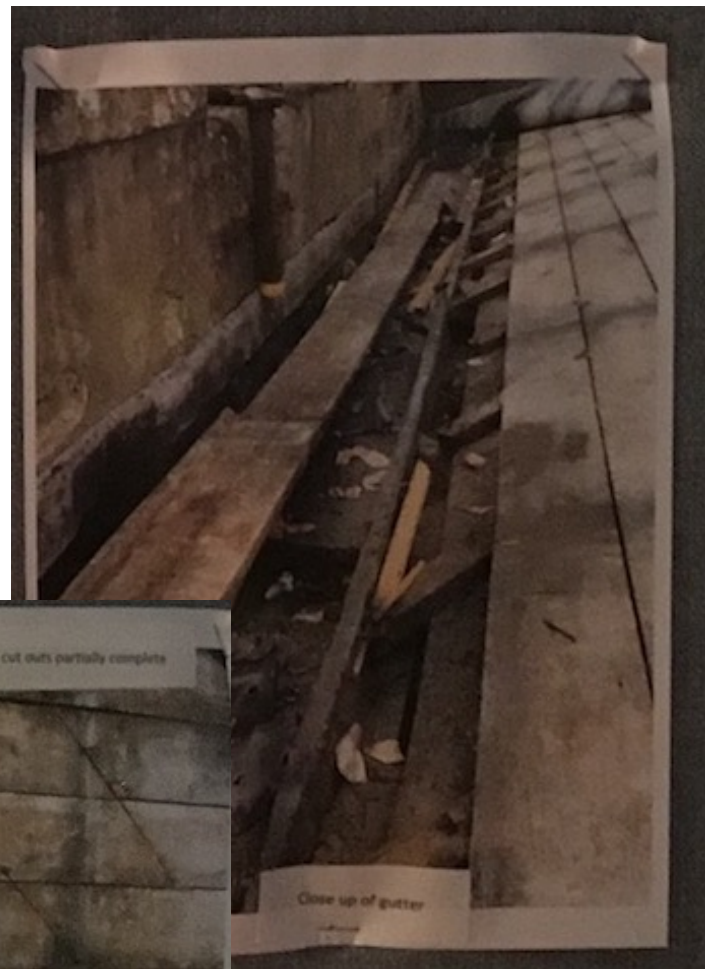
A short update on changes to
the Fabric of All Saints'
Church, Cottenham

Outline

- Making good the roof
- Reacting to wet-rot inside
- Widening the use of our beautiful building

Roof work

- In 2014/15 it became clear that All Saints' roof was in a bad state
- Leaks onto the pews were frequent
- The lead that covers the roof had to be replaced
- The cost would be of order £100,000
- David Steer agreed to apply to ***Listed Places of Worship***
 - Government funded for all-faith building repair work
- On second attempt, David's proposal was accepted
- Finally in February 2017 contract placed with CEL
- Photos show various stages of work





Not without problems!



This was the scene that greeted the wardens one Friday afternoon before a Baptism due on the Sunday

- We said store the lead discretely at the back of the Church please!

But finally a very satisfactory result





Major reordering of church interior

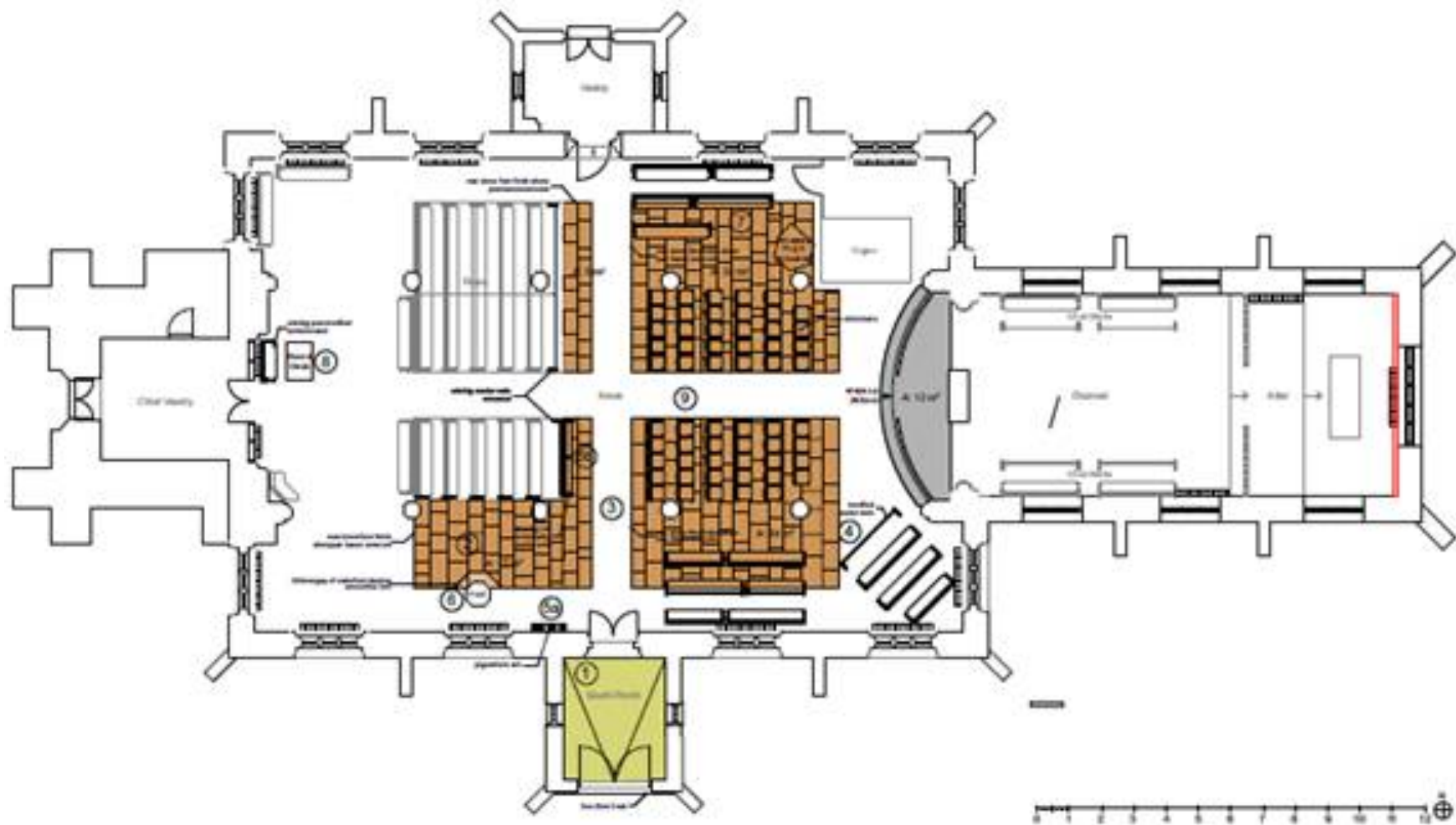
- In about 2007, large areas of wet rot discovered under pew platform in NE section – next to the organ
- Temporary faculty obtained to remove pews and build a new platform to hold chairs
 - Second-hand chairs purchased
- Then began long road to work towards a permanent solution that would re-imagine the church
- More flexible space, nave altar
- Overall, more ‘comfortable’

The existing mix, with the temporary platform on left



Towards realising the vision

- As many of us know, major work takes major effort:
- Getting necessary permissions (faculties);
- Fundraising;
- Talking to people about their concerns and/or enthusiasms
- Working with the church architect, appointing preferred contractor

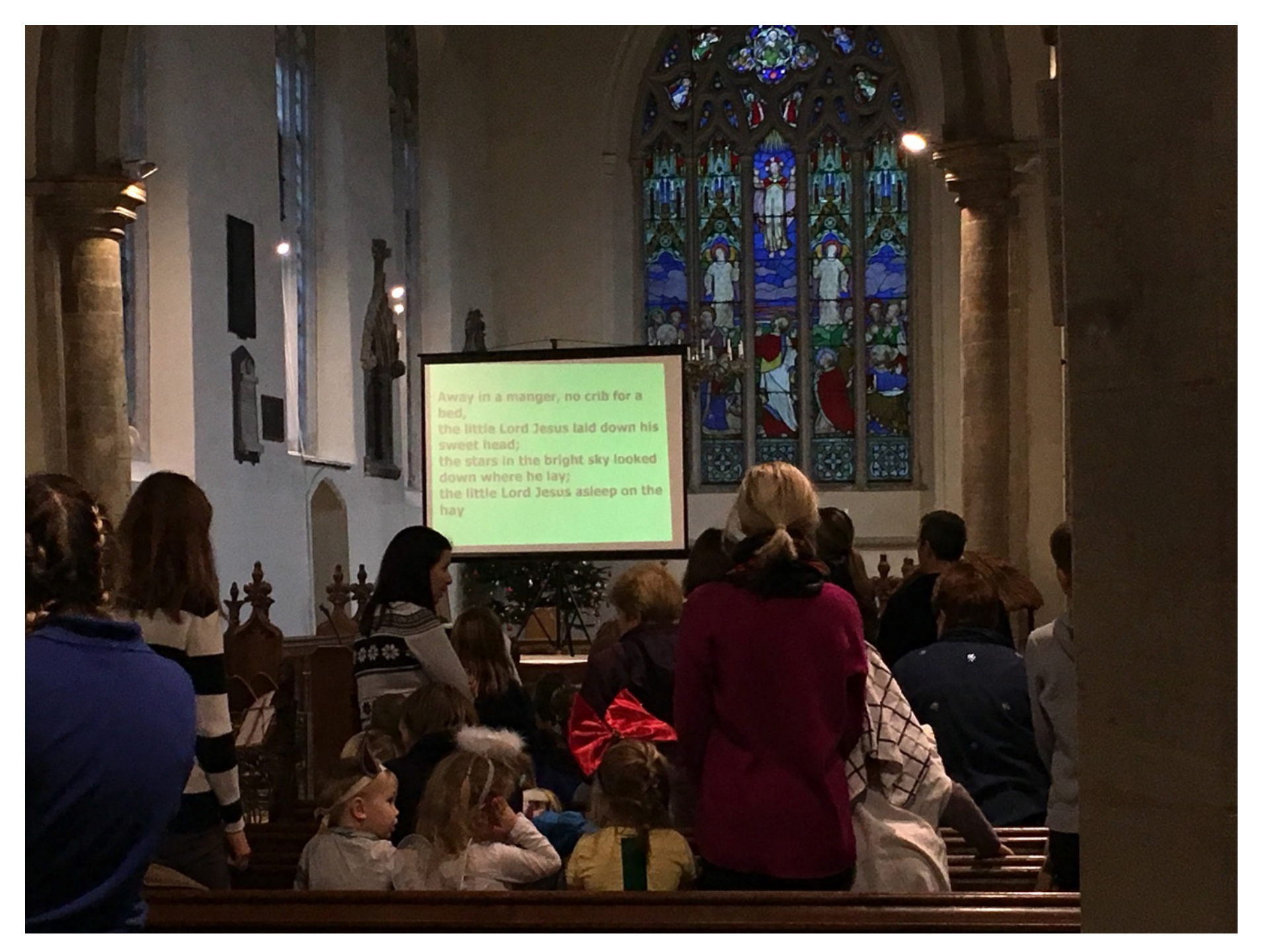


Brown areas – pews being removed

Getting started

- A recent (mid 2017) decision of the PCC was to remove the need for the underfloor heating that was originally proposed
 - Church is quite warm enough in any case
 - Significant saving of costs
- First step in December was to install the new wide platform (dais) in place of the chancel steps
- Put to good use already:





Away in a manger, no crib for a
bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his
sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked
down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the
hay

Nave altar and altar rail





Final, major stage underway now:





All church services now in All Saints' Hall- Back in church for Easter

