



FUTURE-PROOFING THE ORPHIR AND STENNESS PARISH CHURCH FOR THE 21ST CENTURY AND BEYOND

It was agreed at the June 2018 Stated Annual Meeting of Orphir and Stenness Church to begin a consultation process to gather the views, hopes and dreams of the people of the parish.

Our church building, built in 1885, is a cold, draughty old place with uncomfortable seating. Why would anyone choose to endure such discomfort?

However, the Church is more than just a building; it is the people who use the building for fellowship, for clubs, for coffee and cakes, for Sunday School, for worship. Whether you attend Sunday services or not, we want to hear from you.

Tell us how the Church could better serve the community in 21st century.

Please number the following statements in order of personal priority. Please add your suggestions about what you want or need from the Church.

A mixture of fixed seating (pews) and flexible seating	
A place for worship	
Activities which appeal to the youngsters of the parish	
Activities which engage parents and pre-school age children	
Activities which involve families	
Comfortable seating	
Comfortable temperature	
Flexible spaces for multi-purposes e.g. concert venue, family celebrations parties, worship	
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There has been some discussion over the years about how the fabric of the building could be changed to achieve some of the above. Advice from the Church of Scotland trustees is to come up with a plan. Please take a look at the proposals overleaf and rank in order of preference. The Church of Scotland would be able to assist financially but fundraising would also be required.

OPTIONS	Advantages	Disadvantages	Preference (please rank)
1. Close the church and rent a room for worship in Orphir Community School	Cost effective	Restricted access during school day	
2. Upgrade the existing church hall and session room (vestry)	Would provide a warm and comfortable environment for groups using these spaces	May be less cost effective in long term to have a staged refurbishment programme	
3. Create a dual purpose church/hall with a partition halfway down the church	Would provide flexibility for both worship and as a hall	Would not accommodate large gatherings unless the partition is moveable	
4. Total redesign of the church	Potential for flexible use of spaces	Extensive additional building work and costs	

Please add your ideas here:

Thank you for taking part in this survey. Please return your completed form to Community Café, Orphir or Stenness Community School Office or bring it along to Sunday Service by Sunday 23rd September 2018.

Optional: Name:.....

Contact number:.....

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I would/would not be willing to join a working party to progress this project.