



Letter from the Vicar, Geoff Lanham, following the Summer 25 Pledge Days

July 2025

Dear Friends,

Our “For Future Generations” project has developed over the last number of years to address the question of how our magnificent building can continue to support our Vision:

To be a house of God’s light for all peoples and generations.

Consultations with the church family, local groups and the Diocese have led to the current plans which propose significant imaginative and sensitive changes to the interior of the building, reopening the north door and adding an annexe to the north side of the church.

During June, we presented these plans to the church family and I asked that members of the church prayerfully consider their response and pledge to support the proposals both financially and prayerfully. I was aware that gaining the support we needed would require significant sacrificial giving by very many of our congregation. Many will already have heard the outcome through service announcements, but I wanted to write to ensure that everyone (whether within our church family or part of the wider community that we serve), is aware of the amazing way that we have been blessed by God

The church family has pledged financial support to “For Future Generations” that has exceeded the target we set for this phase of the fundraising. We are now over 75% of the way towards the expected cost of £3.5-£4m. This result, which represents pledges from the majority of church members is a tremendous encouragement.

This support and commitment mean we can move to the next stage of fundraising and approaching external trusts and grant bodies, whilst continuing to develop more detailed plans for the proposed changes and design of the North Annexe. We will continue to consult with wider stakeholders and local community groups as these plans develop.

I want to express my deep and profound thanks to all who are supporting “For future generations” through both their giving and prayers. To raise this amount of money is incredible and unprecedented in the history of Knowle Church and we have much to give thanks to God for.

Best wishes

Geoff Lanham



Artist’s impression of how relocating the rood screen opens up the view to the wonderful east window



Artist’s impression shows the relocated rood screen and re-opened north door seen from the south aisle