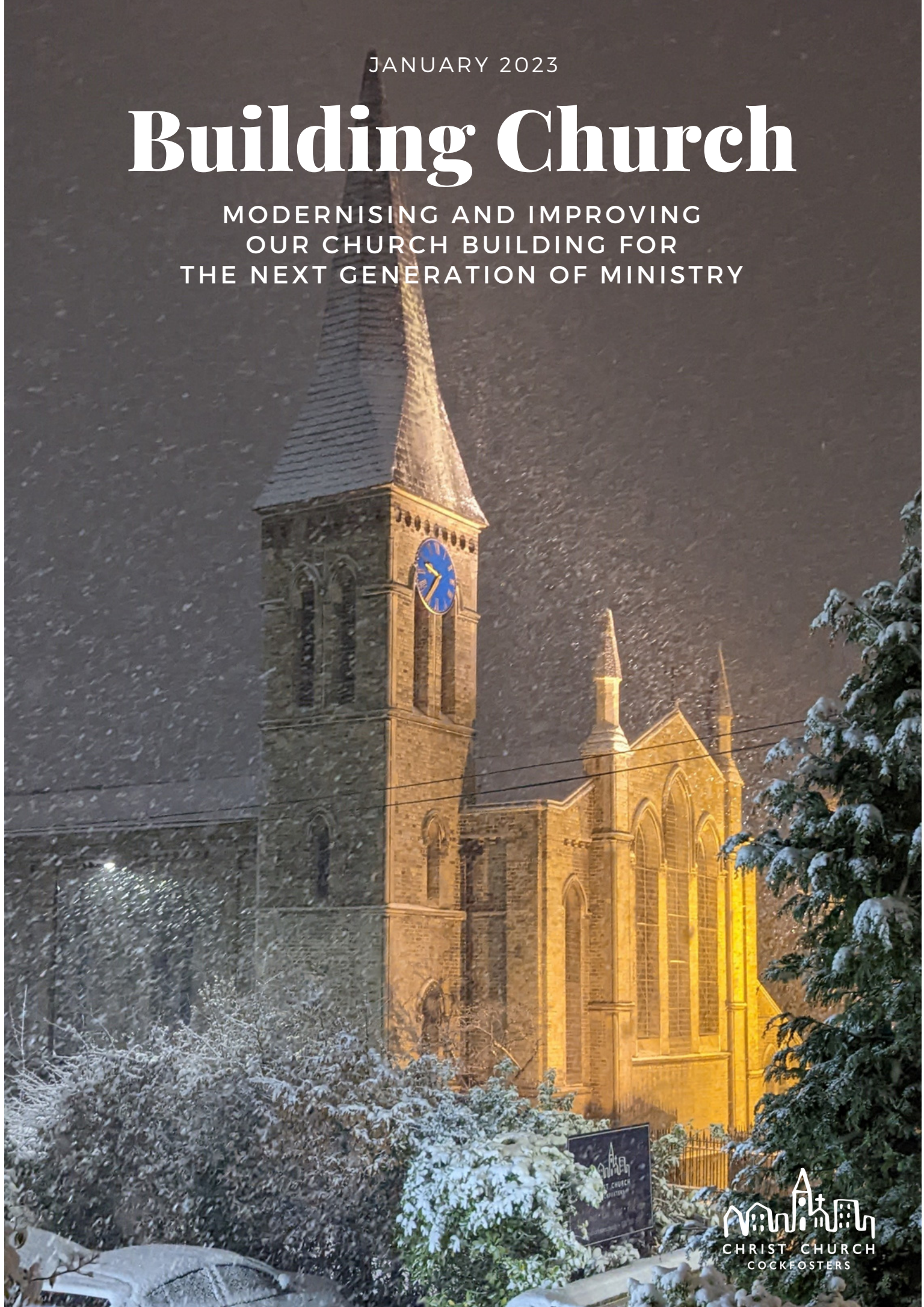


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Building Church

MODERNISING AND IMPROVING
OUR CHURCH BUILDING FOR
THE NEXT GENERATION OF MINISTRY




CHRIST CHURCH
COCKFOSTERS

"Don't you know
that you yourselves
are God's temple
and that God's Spirit
lives among you?"

1 CORINTHIANS 3v16

A little history

40 years of trying

We have a wonderful church building and we want to make the most of it to enable as many as possible to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

For the past 40 years Christ Church has been seeking to improve and update the fabric of our church building. Various plans have been proposed and consulted on, but for a whole range of reasons, none of them have come to pass.

The result is that our main church building is now in desperate need of renovation:

- The heating system is 60 years old, has very little thermal control, and runs at only 65% efficiency (a modern boiler runs at over 90%)
- The building has very poor disability access
- The carpet is falling apart
- The single toilet has a hole in its roof and can only be accessed from outside the building during services
- And, despite recent efforts to improve it, our space provision for our young families is very poor.

Alongside this, a significant number of smaller refurbishments and upgrades have been put on hold until a larger scheme of works is agreed. This includes upgrades to the kitchenette, organ repairs/replacement, lighting upgrades (for control and energy efficiency), and sound system improvements.

2019 plans

In the spring and autumn of 2019, plans were present to the church family proposing a 180 degree rotation of the seating within the church building and the creation of a new entrance through where the organ is currently housed.

The feedback received during the consultation phase was very positive but the pandemic then slowed the process down. God had purpose in this. Since 2019 our pattern of Sunday worship has significantly changed and so your church council (the PCC) have asked the architects to review and revise the plans based on our new needs. This document describes these revised plans.

The proposed project

Revised priorities

The revised priorities the PCC presented to our architect, Quinlan Terry, are:

- Disability access
- Adequate breakout space for children during services
- Improved toilet facilities (minimum of 3 toilets)
- Updated heating system with a reduced carbon footprint
- New flooring
- Essential repairs (including repairing or replacing the organ)

The architects were asked to develop a scheme which minimises expenditure whilst addressing these primary church family needs.

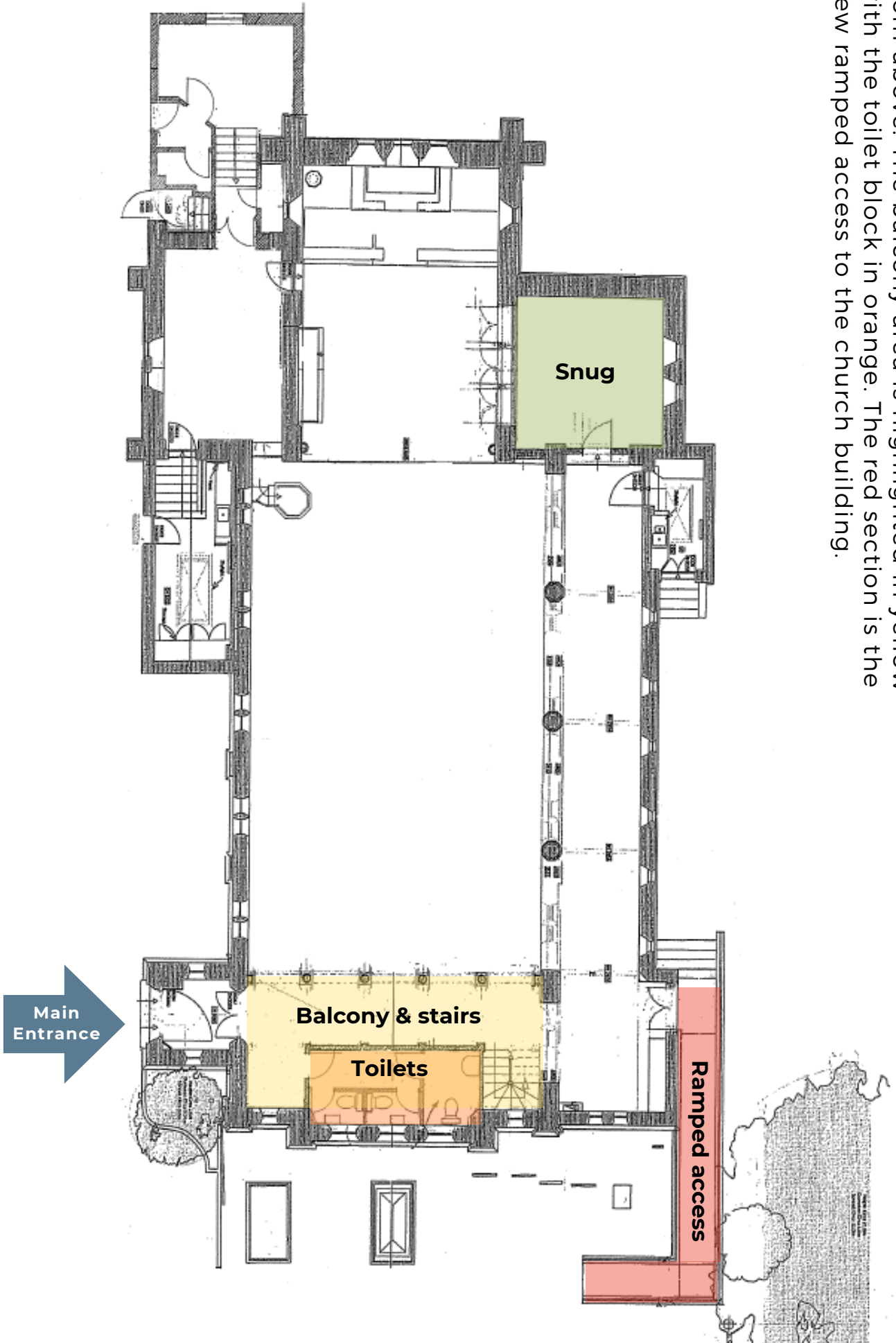
Features of the new scheme

Some key features in the new scheme shown in the drawings below are as follows:

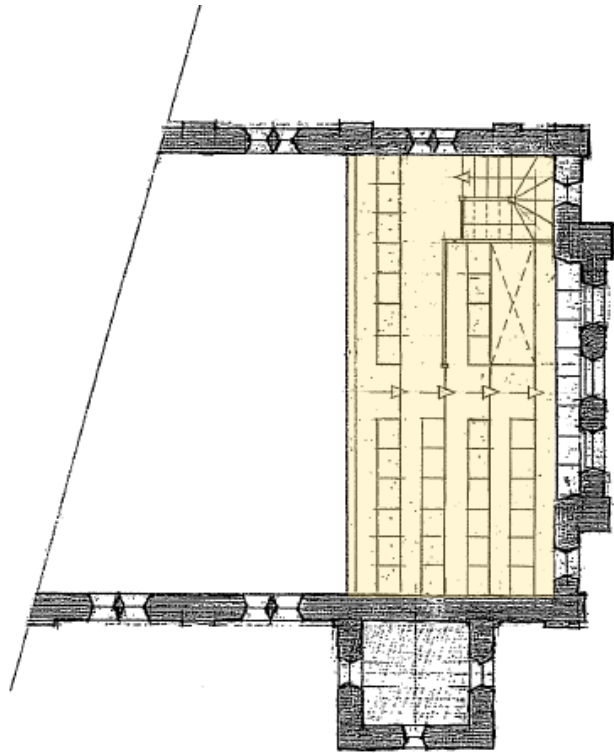
- No increase to the overall footprint of the church building to minimise costs
- Seating remains in the current orientation (facing west)
- The side chapel is glazed/built in to become a new snug for restless children
- The main entrance remains through the bell tower but a new ramped access is added to the north east corner of the building (where there is currently an external door)
- Three unisex toilets are provided at the rear of the church building (to your right as you come in the main door). One of these toilets will be a disabled access toilet with baby-change
- A small balcony area will be created above the east end of church (back) providing 40 additional seats and space for the audio and video desks
- The heating system will be modernised and quotes will be obtained for updated lighting
- New carpeting throughout the church building

Alongside these plans we are investigating removing the existing organ mechanism (not the pipework) and replacing it with a high quality digital organ. This would provide a room for nursing mums in the space behind the organ. This may not be feasible or may take place as a future phase of the programme.

This is a plan looking down at the proposed layout from above. The balcony area is highlighted in orange with the toilet block in orange. The red section is the new ramped access to the church building.



This is a top down view of the proposed new balcony space and stair well. Additional seating is limited but moving the sound and video desks upstairs opens up the downstairs seating area.



A walk-through video describing these plans can be found on our website: www.cockfosters.church/buildingchurch

Your feedback

A project like this only succeeds if it is something the church family is fully behind. For this reason your Church Council would love to hear your feedback. Please feel free to ask any clarifying questions by emailing buildingchurch@cockfosters.church.

- Which aspect(s) of these proposals most excite you?
- Are there any parts of the plans you feel will work less well?
- Do you support, in principle, the Church Council proceeding with these plans to serve gospel ministry here into the future?
- Are you likely to be able to support the project financially? (we are not asking how much you can give at this stage, we just want an indication of how many people will be able to give at least some money towards the project).
- Please add any other comments below:

Your name _____

Please return this form to the Church Office in Christ Church House, or by post to 1B Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, EN4 9JQ by Sunday 12th February at the latest.

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