

All Saints Leighton Buzzard

Part of the Ouzel Valley Team Ministry

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Dear Sarah

Thank you so much for your time taken this morning to discuss our current streaming project.

I felt we had an interesting and informative discussion and would like to confirm the salient points below:

Current restrictions are making life particularly difficult for certain elements of our local congregation to attend Church services. The likelihood of those restrictions ending anytime soon are slim at best.

We at All Saints Church feel the need to reach out to those parishioners who can feel lonely and isolated as part of our pastoral care and responsibilities. We are endeavoring to be innovative and proactive, utilising modern technology available to us to achieve this aim.

We have been live streaming our Sunday morning services for a few weeks now, which provides us with some form of outreach, but having gone live, it has become obvious that our current attempts are extremely limited in terms of the quality that we could and indeed should be offering - to this end, we are looking to invest in a system that would be more in line with the status of All Saints.

Whilst thinking this through, it struck us that as the Civic Church of the Town, we traditionally host the Remembrance Day service, the Mayor's concert and many other major events that require an official Church service. We feel that we could make use of these resources on behalf of the Town as well - the more one considers the opportunities, the more inventive one can be - one instance could be by having a remote address by our local MP if he were not able to attend a significant service in person.

A system like this will of course stretch the resources of All Saints which are suffering as fewer people are attending. Our Coffee Shop, a major contributor to our funding, has been closed for months now. Initial estimates of cost can be staggering, but we feel that we can install a system that will be flexible, of good quality and forward thinking enough not to need replacing for many years hence along with providing

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a useful resource for the Town along with, as previously mentioned, catering for our pastoral care of Leighton and surrounding Parishes.

We are expecting the system to cost up to around £12,000 and would be most grateful to you if you could raise this matter at your next available meeting to discuss whether the Town Council would consider contributing to a project that would benefit the Town for many years to come.

I would be happy to meet in person to discuss any points or questions that you may have once you have considered this request.

With kind regards



John Sykes.
Chairman – live streaming committee