

# SANDFORD, ST SWITHUN

## Case study

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## SUMMARY OF WORKS

- Enclose, with glazed doors, the area under West gallery, to accommodate introduction of WC for disabled persons, kitchenette and meeting area.
- Remove pews from under West gallery



Grade I listed  
Norman origins; completely rebuilt  
1520; renovated 1847-8 by J Haywood

Hand bell Group, food and refreshments after Christenings, concerts in the church for local fundraising, WI/School/Good Companions and PCC meetings.

The church is also now getting more visiting teams of bell ringers because there are toilet facilities within the church building.

When the village Rectory was sold, the parish lost its Sunday School Room, Church Social Room and toilet facilities. The only place that a Sunday school could be held was the parish hall, several hundred metres from the church.

The reordering created a space, beneath the West Gallery which houses a kitchen, fully accessible WC and meeting area.

The 'Under-Gallery Project' has given the church many excellent opportunities for community outreach. The new facilities are now being used by: The Community Stores for Staff First Aid Training, Sandford Heritage Group for meetings and working on heritage projects and displaying the results, Sandford School Hand bell Group, After School "Storytelling" organised by the church, Meditation Group, Adult



The works were completed in 2010

Architect: Michael Willis