

# Supporting Documentation

## Walton St John – Replacement chairs

### Note to parish

This bundle includes all the supporting documentation to your faculty application as required under Rule 5.5 of the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019.

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Caroline Hilton, DAC Secretary



2 May 2023

**We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following-**

*Please describe the works or other proposals for which a faculty is sought in the way recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in its Notification of Advice.*

**SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS**

To dispose of the existing chairs (30) and replace with 30 new chairs

*Copies of the Standard Information Form and any drawings, plans, specifications, photographs or other documents showing the proposals must be provided with this petition.*

The church is set in Walton village, Warrington, Cheshire and formed part of, what was, the Walton Estate. The church is Grade II\* listed entry number 1139352 and was built in 1885, by Paley and Austin at the expense of Sir Gilbert Greenall. The authors of *Buildings of England: Lancashire* describe it as a 'glorious estate church, exquisitely detailed and composed', and consider that the tower is one of Austin's best and the timber framing of the porch 'of course beautifully detailed, is a wonderful touch'<sup>1</sup>. Pevsner also notes the 'splendid art deco fittings of 1934 by Troughton and Young, a spray shaped light above the west window and described as 'unexpectedly harmonious' and a flat circular light with star under the tower vault.

St John's was for many years the church where the Greenalls worshipped as well as their estate workers. However, the church also cared for those who worked on the Manchester Ship Canal living in Acton Grange as can be evidenced by the graves of many who worked there in 1880-1890. The church was built to serve the people Higher and Lower Walton. The parish of Walton was formed at the end of 1879 and the land for the church sold to the Ecclesiastical authorities in 1881, the church was consecrated in 1885.

The church is the principal building of the Walton Hall estate village (circa 1850 to 1912), built at the expense of the Greenall family, brewers and distillers, of Warrington

The lychgate is listed separately as Grade II list entry number 1136037. It is the entrance to the churchyard was built around 1885 probably by Paley and Austin, again at the expense of Sir Gilbert Greenall. It is built from red sandstone with a Westmorland green slate roof and half-timbered gables on brackets.

The Walton Hall estate was sold to Warrington Borough Council in 1941 and was developed by the council as a leisure facility. The church is now surrounded on three sides by the grounds of Walton Lea Crematorium.

Historic England website describes the church building as being built in Red snecked sandstone with graded Westmorland green slate roofs in a Cruciform shape with a three-bay aisleless nave. There is an oak-framed south porch on 6-foot sandstone plinth. The church has a massive 4-stage tower (chequer-work at third stage) with recessed octagonal spire of stone and octagonal north-west stair-turret; two transepts and a chancel of two bays with south vestry.

The windows have reticulated and panel tracery; the west window and those to north side of chancel and west side of transepts are square-headed. Inside the church there is a barrel roof to nave and chancel with boarded lining in panels, each carrying a stencilled pattern in the nave and the Ten Commandments in the chancel; arch-braced transept roofs; rib-vaulted crossing; sedilia in south side of chancel; reredos with carved crucifixion; marble font, oak pulpit on stone base; oak pews and altar-rail; tiled floors.

The Font is of Devonshire marble and placed at the traditional West End. The pulpit is elaborately carved and sited against the North East Crossing.

There are a number of stained glass windows the most notable being the one added after the consecration of the church in the South East Transept. This was given by Lady Daresbury in memory of her elder son Gilbert who died in a road traffic accident in 1928. The design was Lady Daresbury's own and the work carried out by William Morris. There is also a fanlight over the west window, and in the centre of the tower an immense circular plaque with a star all in amber glass

The side/Lady Chapel is a recent addition. Originally the site was used for the seating of the Patron and his family. The Chapel was designed by the Warrington architects William and Seager Owen.

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1. Pollard, Richard; [Pevsner, Nikolaus](#) (2006), *Lancashire: Liverpool and the South-West, The Buildings of England*, New Haven and London: [Yale University Press](#), p. 629, [ISBN 0-300-10910-5](#)

The church building is the sole place of worship for the parish of Walton, which has a population of approximately 1,329. Sunday services held 10 am every Sunday and also at 8.30 am on the first and third Sunday . The church is open from 9am – 12 noon on a Wednesday and during that time there is a midweek communion service at 10 am with refreshments served afterwards. The average congregation each Sunday is 35 adults and children. In 2022 there were 8 Baptisms, 3 weddings and 4 funerals held in church. The churchyard has a Remembrance Garden for cremated remains as well as a burial area and in 2022 there were 3 interment of ashes. There are also two Commonwealth War Grave Commission graves in the churchyard.

The church is also used by a community choir, St John's Ensemble who rehearse in church once a week and usually perform three concerts a year. They also sing at occasional additional services, Sung Evensong, Taize and Songs of Praise.

**STATEMENT OF NEEDS** (see examples and guidance on how to complete this on [www.churchcare.co.uk](http://www.churchcare.co.uk) )

This document must be accompanied by the Standard Information Form 1A

**General Information**

The parish of Walton is in the Great Budworth Deanery and has a population of 1329. There are currently 66 people on the electoral roll.

The church is used for worship on Sundays as follows; two morning services on the first and third weeks in the month and one morning service on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> (one on the fifth Sunday) The average Sunday attendance has reduced since the lockdowns and at present is around 25. There is also a midweek communion service every Wednesday with an average attendance of 14. In 2022 there were 8 Baptisms, 3 weddings and 4 funerals held in church.

The churchyard has a Remembrance Garden for cremated remains as well as a burial area and in 2022 there were 3 interment of ashes. There are two Commonwealth War Grave Commission graves in the churchyard.

The church is also used for concerts with two concert held in 2022. The Ensemble use chairs which have been in the church for as long as anyone can remember. The Ensemble concerts are fundraising events which are an important part of our fundraising strategy.

There is a small social/coffee area at the back of church and chairs are used in this area when coffee is served.

**Section 1: What do you need?**

New chairs for occasional use by the Ensemble and at the back of church when serving coffee. The original chairs are small and now very old, there were similar ones in the Church hall but they have been replaced some time ago. They are constantly in need of work to keep them stable and free from splinters, and breaks. Please see photos of the chairs uploaded separately. They do not stack more than two together and take up a lot of space when not in use.

## **Section 2: Why do you need it and why do you need it now?**

The chairs are very old and only getting older and less stable. They are from a time when people were smaller and are not comfortable for the majority of people. Although space is not at a premium it would be good to have a tidier space with chairs stacked when not in use. The PCC looked at various options for replacements and decided on the Alpha Furniture chair Jacob (photo and description uploaded separately) as the size of chair seemed appropriate, it can be stained to be a close match to the pews, and stacked up to 20 high which will make for tidy storage when not in use. We also tested the weight of the chair so that it was easy to move when necessary.

## **Section 3: The proposal(s)**

To purchase 30 chairs to replace the existing chairs which will be disposed of.

## **Section 4: Justification**

Whenever extra chairs are required ie for the Ensemble concerts, at weddings (for the couple at the front of church) as well as for the coffee area at the back of church we will be able to offer a safe, comfortable chair to use.

## **Fundraising strategy**

We have applied for a grant from Creamfields Music Festival towards the cost of the chairs.



Product ref: LAMS



## JACOB Lightweight Wooden High-Stacking Chair

From: £110

Quantity	Price
25 - 49	£115
50 - 99	£114
100 - 199	£113
200 - 399	£112
400 -	£110

### Description

This chair is one of the lightest wooden chairs in our range. It combines great **comfort** with **stackability**, **durability**, **style**, together with many options. These chairs will stack 5 high on the floor, with or without arms, while side chairs will also stack 18 high on a purpose made dolley. The hardwood laminate frame is very strong, yet light. The **waterfall** front and generous width make it a hit with various shapes and sizes of user. It is **EU made**, comes with our 5 year **guarantee**, and features the unique feature of being no heavier with arms, than without. Armchairs will also stack happily with each other.

Options include arms, frame staining, **book storage** (that leaves stacking unaffected), PVC feet and linking. Many frame stains are available. If you are looking for a wooden chair but don't wish to acquire something heavy and cumbersome then this could be just the right product. Please note that armchairs will not stack on the dolley.

Few chairs offer such a combination of **quality**, options, **comfort** and **versatility**. Our universal chair removal trolley will quickly help move a stack of up to 5 chairs for fast, efficient stowage. The trolley can then be slipped easily into a cupboard. These chairs come with our 5 year **guarantee**, and stack 5 high. Lead-time is 6 weeks from the date of your order.

**Url:** <https://www.alpha-furnishing.com/product/lightweight-wooden-stacking-chair-available-with-arms-3/>

### Additional information

**Weight:** 5.9kg

**Length:** 520mm

**Height:** 850mm

**Stacking:** 5 (floor), 20 (dolley)



You're viewing: JACOB Lightweight Wooden High-Stacking Chair  
From: £110.00

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### Accessories to consider



Ref: ODD

Dolley for LAMS, LAMSH and LAMSU Chairs

Full details

- Book Storage (+£0.00) \*
- Links (+£0.00) \*
- General Options (+£0.00)

### Select a Finish

Wood Stains \*

Light Teak	Teak	Yew	Cherry	Walnut	Dark Mahogany	Medium Mahogany	Light Mahogany	Light Oak	Medium Oak	Beech
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SKU: LAMS  
Categories: [High Stacking Chairs](#), [Lightweight Wooden Stacking Chairs](#), [Wooden Stacking Chairs](#), [Stacking Chairs \(High Stacking\)](#), [Lightweight Wooden Chairs](#), [Wooden Church Chairs](#), [Stacking Cathedral Chairs](#)  
Tag: [wood stains](#)

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### Description

This chair is one of the lightest wooden chairs in our range. It combines



Walton St John – Chairs - Correspondence with parish and others

Attachments are listed according to the numbering on the supporting documents list

- [Attachments in blue are included within the proposals section](#)

Date	Message
<p><b>01/03/2023</b></p> <p>To: Anita Raggett From: Caroline Hilton</p>	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 17 February 2023 the DAC considered the proposed replacement of chairs, and the Committee resolved <i>subject to the parish providing details of the colour of the chairs and their satisfactory review</i>, to recommend the scheme.</p> <p>Please can you therefore provide those details, and then subject to their satisfactory review, I will be able to raise the Notification of Advice so that you can go on to display the public notices.</p> <p>If you have any queries please do let me know.</p>
<p><b>08/03/2023</b></p> <p>To: Caroline Hilton From: Anita Raggett</p> <p><b>With attachment</b></p>	<p>The stain that we are proposing is Medium oak, as can be seen on the attached screen shot. The colours on line are not that good though so I do have a block I could get to you at Church House if you think that would be helpful?</p> <p>Just let me know and I'll bring it up to you.</p> <p><a href="#">6) Webpage showing colour range for Jacob Lightweight wooden high-stacking chair</a></p>
<p><b>28/03/2023</b></p> <p>To: Anita Raggett From: Caroline Hilton</p>	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 17 March 2023 the DAC considered choice of chair colour that you provided and the Committee resolved that it was content with the colour of the replacement chairs, which means I can now raise the Notification of Advice for the faculty application.</p> <p>I will let you know when I have carried this out.</p>