

All Hallows by the Tower with St Dunstan in the East

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STATEMENT OF NEED

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER

Section I. General information

All Hallows by the Tower has been a Christian place of worship since 675AD and provides a Christian welcome and sanctuary for all those who work around or visit Tower Hill. The church is situated next to the Tower of London World Heritage Site, an area which draws a large number of international visitors.

The church has a regular Sunday congregation, as well as a weekday ministry amongst the local community. We currently hold our main weekly service of Sung Eucharist on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer (Common Worship) and Evening Prayer (BCP) Monday to Friday, Taize on Wednesday evening, and mid-week Low Mass (every Thursday morning aimed at city workers, and midday Eucharists on feast days). Over the summer period we are also holding weekly recitals (chime and organ) to reach out to the local city-workers as well as tourist visitors.

Section 2. What do you need?

We need to refresh the central noticeboard panel of the existing board and storage unit which sits inside the north entrance. The existing board is looking very tired and dated, with stained fabric.





It is of a good size, but the bulk of the space is taken up with an old, broken light box, and three hangers. The whole unit at some point was used as the church shop, and the light-box was used to sell slides (no longer in our stock). We believe that mugs were hung from the hangers (also no longer in our stock).





There is also a broken display cabinet below the noticeboard, which takes up space and is of no use. We would like to remove it (which could be done simply as it is screwed into the the two side units).



Section 3. The proposals

We propose to:

- Remove the light-box (using a qualified electrician to close down any wiring), and hangers.
- Recover the existing noticeboard in a neutral coloured fabric. This space will become a more useful and prominent notice.
- Remove the lower display cabinet, to create space for a more useful space where we can move a table to offer the children's activity sheets.

Section 4. Why do you need it and why do you need it now?

It is our mission to ensure that All Hallows by the Tower engages in God's mission by encouraging more people to live more Christ-like lives. To enable this we need our mission and ministry boards to have impact and show the care we have for evangelism and in the great asset that the church building is.

On entry at the north door, this tired-looking noticeboard with broken and useless elements is one of the first things a visitor is greeted with. We are in the process of updating all the signage around the building to reflect a more modern and vibrant church, and we feel this noticeboard undermines our fresh approach.

A refreshed noticeboard would allow us to move key information to a prominent position by one of the main entrances, and highlight our youth provision.

Section 5. Justification

This unusable noticeboard and display cabinet currently take up a large amount of space by the north door which could be utilised in a better fashion. This would also allow us to use the free-standing noticeboards for other purposes, including education, updates on Ecochurch, and Safeguarding.

All costs relating to the supply and installation of the noticeboards will be met by the church. This proposal has been discussed by the PCC and was supported unanimously (PCC meeting 24/07/2025).