

Renewal of Kelsall Methodist Church (KMC)

A major scheme is planned for the renewal and updating of Kelsall Methodist Church under the leadership of our new Minister, the Rev Sue Levitt. This is to create a modern, welcoming and integrated church centre, equipped for church and community use. Almost all of the works are internal to the main church building; there will be some minor external works to improve access. Key features of the project are:-



- Replacement of the existing pews with modern comfortable chairs, creating a level congregational area suitable for multi-use.
- Provision of a larger platform across the front of the church at a single level, forming a flexible stage for church and potential community events.
- New double-door access between the front of the church and the adjacent hall allowing integrated use of the two areas.
- Redesign of the back of church beneath the gallery to improve access and increase the light and visibility into the church.
- Improvements to access for wheelchair users, the less abled and mothers with young children.
- Updating and improvements to church lighting, electrical and audio-visual systems.
- Renewal of the church heating system and other associated improvements to the church's energy efficiency.

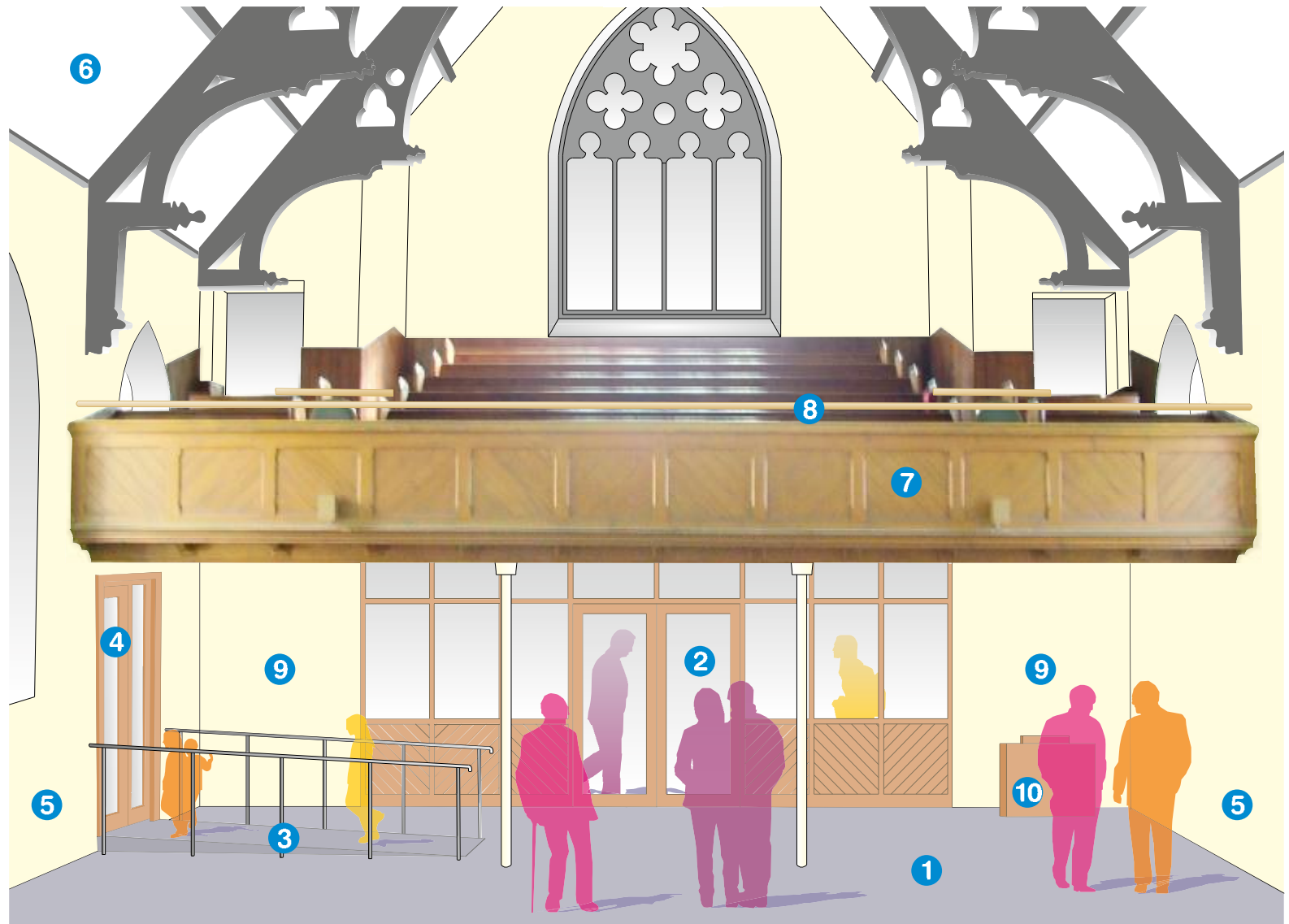
The following pages show illustrations of the potential appearance of the new church interior, produced by our architects, Niall Patterson Associates.

The current estimated cost of the scheme is approximately £220,000. To date the church has raised or had promised approximately £180,000 towards the cost; this is from its own funds, support from the wider Methodist church, pledged giving and donations from the congregation and local fundraising. The balance of funding should hopefully be met by further grant applications and fundraising initiatives by the church over the coming months.

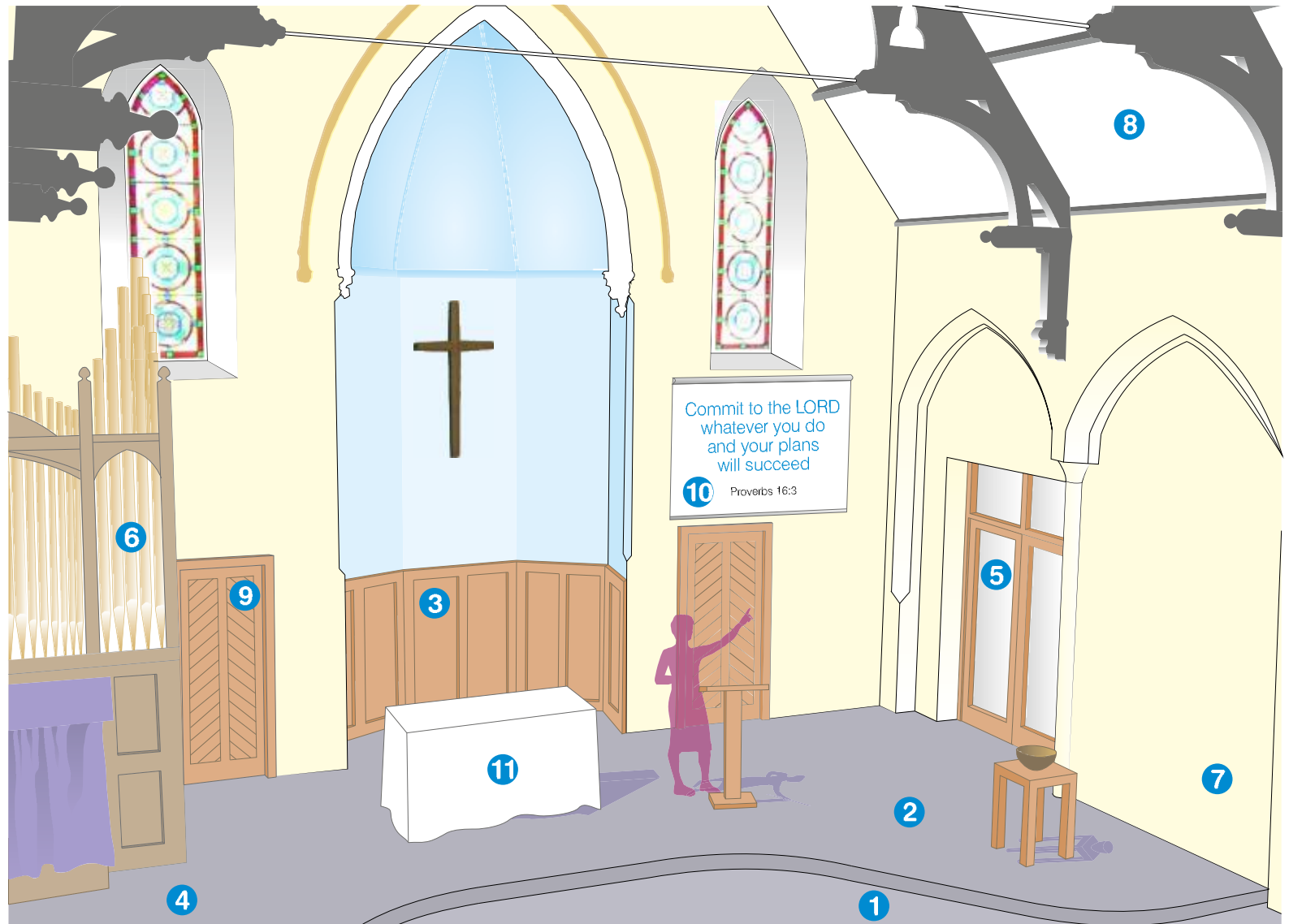
Over the next few months we intend to finalise the details of the scheme, consulting current and potential users of the church centre, before going out to tender in the Spring. The target is for works to start on site at the beginning of September 2011. The works should take about 6-7 months so that we hope the church will be back in full use for Easter 2012. During the works it is planned that the church halls and associated facilities will continue to be available for church services and other users.

Richard Mortimore
Project Manager and Secretary

- glazed screen: activity layout**
- 1** remove existing pews and rear raised platforms to provide a level open floor space; whole area to be carpeted; individual new upholstered chairs to be provided [not shown]
 - 2** remove solid front wall under first floor gallery and replace with a central double door and glazed fixed side panels
 - 3** provide new compliant access ramp and handrail between the Church and Foyer
 - 4** replace existing doorset with reversed and glazed leaves
 - 5** remove perimeter wall wainscot panelling and plaster walls to match upper areas
 - 6** fully redecorate whole space including ceilings and trusses
 - 7** lighten gallery front panelling to match new timber
 - 8** provide guard rail to gallery
 - 9** replace existing heat emitters
 - 10** provide new sound desk and controls



- 1** raised area: worship layout
remove existing pews to provide an open floor space; whole area to be carpeted; individual new upholstered chairs to be provided [not shown]
- 2** remove existing raised pulpit area and create a single level platform; whole platform to be carpeted
- 3** retain existing pulpit panelling as a background feature
- 4** remove existing pew platform with single level platform to include an extended choir area
- 5** create a single double door opening with glazed top panel between the Church and Community Hall
- 6** retain existing pipe organ
- 7** remove perimeter wall wainscot panelling and plaster walls to match upper areas
- 8** fully redecorate whole space including ceilings and trusses
- 9** provide new matching doors in existing openings
- 10** provide new projection screen, wall mounted and retractable
- 11** provide a new communion table, lectern, font and removable communion rails [not shown]



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