

# TRUSHAM, ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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## Case study

Church Buildings Office  
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### SUMMARY OF WORKS

- Pews replaced with purpose-designed short moveable pews in European oak.
- New level floor throughout in Purbeck stone, laid on heavy insulation and new subfloor.
- Minor external adjustments to allow wheelchair access.
- Complete re-wiring with efficient lighting and automated security locking.
- A neat oak servery, echoing the fine west screen.



The church had (and has) no water supply or drainage. Arrangements have been made for use of the lavatory in the adjacent parish hall (former church school, now secular hall) and water is brought in from a standpipe.

The project was driven by extensive rot in the floor and pews and by the perceived need to enlist the support and commitment of the whole community. The worship community remains small, though enthusiastic. Far more external activities can now be accommodated and are well supported.

#### Grade II\* listed

Consecrated 1259; surviving structure mostly C15-16; restored 1865 by J W Rowell; and in 1890

The church already had efficient bottled gas (LPG) warm-air heating and this was considered adequate.

Heating costs are around £20 for a Sunday morning warm-up and the actual service. Similarly a relatively recent electronic organ was considered adequate and retained.

The church is far more flexible now that the pews are moveable and the floor is level throughout, with just one step up to the organ. It has already been used for informal worship, art exhibitions, concerts etc. in the short time since the project was completed.

Major contributions to funds came from a local ecclesiastical charity (£100k) and the Landfill Grants scheme (£50k).



The works were completed in 2014 and cost around £180,000.

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