



The challenge: To find an effective way to help hearing-impaired church-goers.

The solution: A hearing assistance loop and associated sound system.

The benefits: Broader access and an improved listening experience for the congregation.

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Community facilities such as churches often find that they need to improve access for people with disabilities, either as a response to legislation or as a means of widening participation. For the ageing congregation of St Nicholas Church, they required an up-to-date hearing loop and associated sound system, which enabled them to comply with disability legislation and help their church-goers enjoy the services more fully.

St Nicholas, Brushford, is a small, Grade I listed country church. The oldest parts are 13th century, with significant alterations in the 19th century, and a 20th century memorial chapel designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. The Parochial Church Council is responsible for the maintenance of the church and its fabric. Jane Erith, the Secretary, found quotations for the work and applied for the funds to pay for it.

Improved access

The congregation is, like many other churches, an ageing one with increasing numbers of its members experiencing hearing difficulties.

In order to prevent them feeling excluded and unable to participate fully in worship, it was considered essential to install a hearing assistance loop with associated sound system.

Convenience and clarity

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Professional service

‘Gordon Morris Ltd. were helpful throughout the process and were able to achieve the installation in accordance with

the strict conditions required by the Listing of the building. They made every effort to recommend equipment that would produce the optimum results.’



Gordon Morris Ltd. would like to thank Jane Erith for her kind cooperation with this article and wishes everyone at St Nicholas Church the best for the future.