

Petition for Faculty

Form No 3A - Rule 5.3

To the Consistory Court of the Diocese of St Albans

St Faith's church is not listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

At a meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee held on 22/07/2026

The following works or other proposals were considered:

Installation of a storage cupboard within the church to house existing folding tables and the Hub's bouncy castle.

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** the works or proposals for approval by the court:

SUBJECT TO the following provisos

1. The cupboard should match the existing cupboard in style and construction

Details:

The proposed bespoke 4-door wardrobe (2.2m high × 2.4m wide) is designed to provide secure, orderly, and concealed storage for standard 6 ft fold-up church tables. The site sits directly adjacent to existing 5 ft high church cupboards. To guarantee complete visual continuity, the new installation explicitly adopts the architectural language of the existing joinery:

- It utilizes crown-cut oak-veneered carpentry finished with identical turned oak timber door pulls.
- The material will be stained with an identical medium-oak tone and treated with a clear satin protective seal to match the patina, colour, and sheen of the surrounding woodwork.

Strict Adherence to the Principle of Reversibility

In accordance with Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) conservation best-practices, the installation features no back panel and no floor base panel.

- **Floor Preservation:** The existing historic parquet flooring remains completely untouched. The vertical side panels and the floating centre pillar sit flush on the floor isolated via protective structural felt padding. No screws, nails, or chemical adhesives will penetrate the floorboards. All structural forces pull back cleanly to the wall anchors.
- **Full Reversibility:** Should the needs of the parish change in the future, the entire cupboard can be cleanly disassembled and removed. The wall can be easily restored to its exact current condition by extracting the wall plugs, filling the minimal fastener pathways with a reversible lime-based filler, and applying a localized coat of matching wall paint. The historical fabric of the church is entirely preserved.