Sound Improvement Project Update - November 26th 2023

In 2021 St Paul's Church updated the multi-media desk and sound system within the church as part of its Sound Improvement Project. This was possible because of significant fund-raising efforts, people's generosity, and a grant from Poole Council's CIL Neighbourhood Portion fund. Having used the grant in full and upgraded the sound system in church we were left with £1,357 from donors. As this money may only be spent by the Church on sound improvement, the Parochial Church Council voted in June 2023 to put the left-over money towards improving the acoustics in the church hall.

There is significant need for sound in the hall to be improved. The acoustics are very poor, making it an unpleasant environment for users. It is so bad our Sunday Club leaders are finding it hard to teach the children in the hall because the sound resonates around the building so much. We have children with special needs who particularly struggle with the sound in the hall. Improving the acoustics will also make the hall a much better venue for the community groups using it, and more attractive to potential hirers.

What is the plan? Having received professional advice we intend to install acoustic panels which we will suspend from the ceiling, and we will also add curtains. We have already received a donation, which with the money from the Sound Improvement Project will be enough for the work to go ahead.

You may find it reassuring to know that Sasha Morgan, who played a key role in the Sound Improvement Project and grant application, supports this plan. Also, that shortly after the sound system was upgraded the vicar spoke with Jim Green about the possibility of improving the acoustics in the hall, and Jim supported the idea.

If you were a donor to the Sound Improvement Project and have any objections to using the left-over money in this way, please contact the Church Office by Monday 8th January 2024.

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