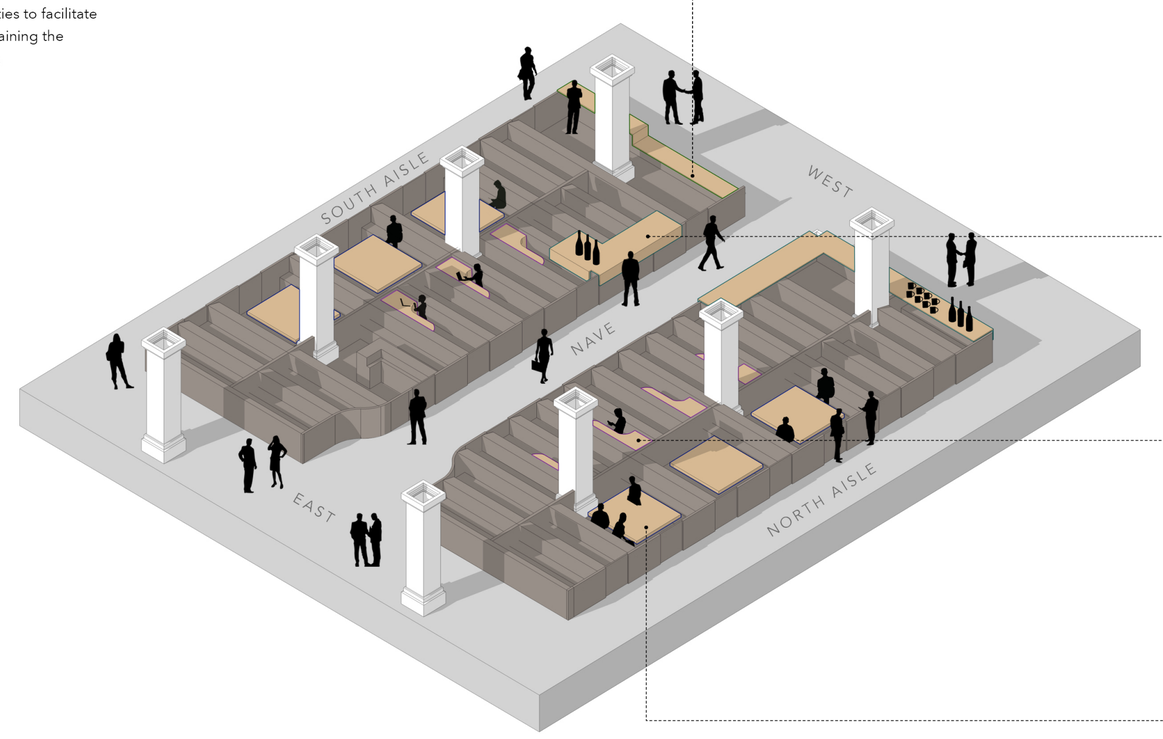
Saving St John's - How would the church be converted to a co-working space?

Pew Toolkit

By carefully modifying the existing pews and sensitively adapting others with new furniture, a vibrant and flexible 'marketplace' can be established within the nave. The pew adaptation interventions provide in-built storage, services and amenities to facilitate a variety of uses whist maintaining the completeness of the interior.



Welcome

Pew adaptation to improve sense of arrival/ welcome area.

Display

Pew adaptation to facilitate opportunities for exhibition presentations/ market stalls/ breakfast meetings/ networking.

Work desk

Pew adaptation to facilitate independent workspaces.

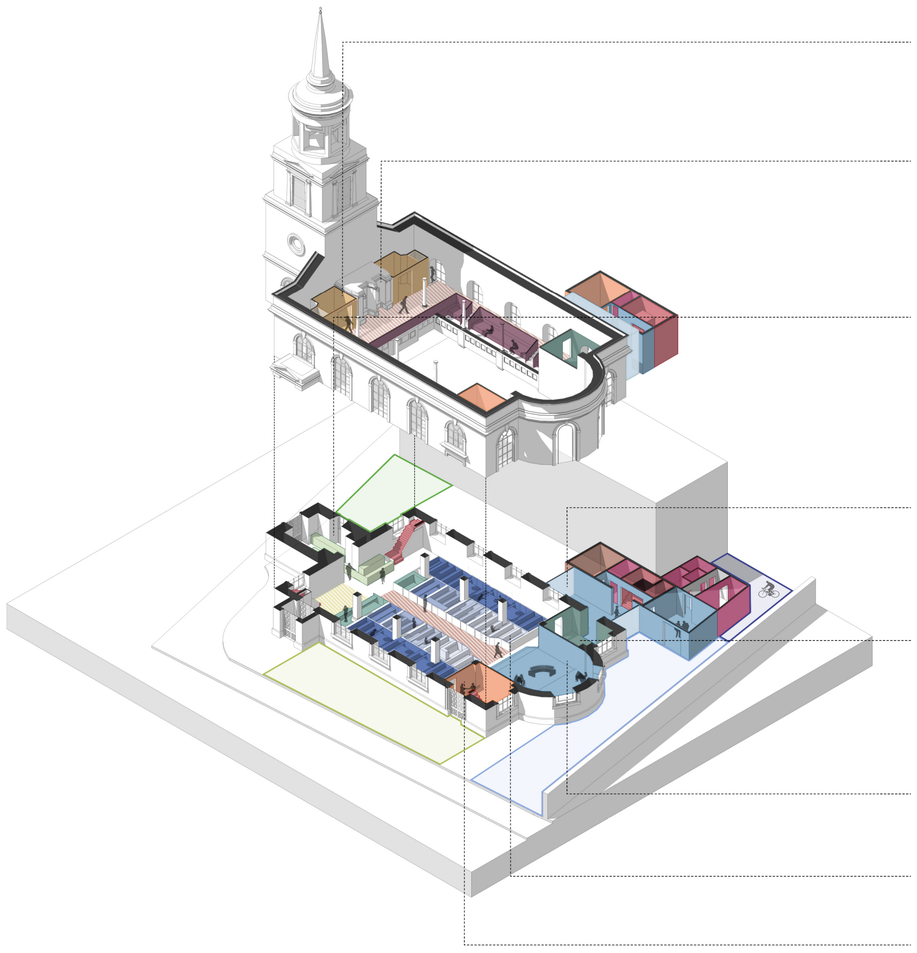
Meeting Space

Pew adaptation to facilitate group workspaces/ meetings.

Buttress Architects propose a 'toolkit' to adapt individual box pews so that they can perform different functions with very little change to the historic fabric. These carefully crafted joinery elements – which would be of an equivalent quality to the original woodwork – would sit over the historic pews to create individual desk spaces, group meeting areas, a reception desk, or counters for hospitality at large events.

Initial Concept

Adding an additional one storey extension to the North-East to and to provide additional accommodation and facilities for the workplace community.



Private office/ meeting spaces on the gallery.

Retaining the organ as existing and celebrating the focal feature at the west end.

Retail/ Cafe opportunity with associated outdoor space to the north. Relocation of the WCs into the extension to provide a larger retail/ cafe space.

A new 1 and 2 storey extension to the north side of the church to house services, accessible circulation, and functional space. This extension also provides a new larger commercial kitchen space on the ground floor, a large private meeting space on the first floor and increased amenities such as WCs, showers, storage, and a further open networking space.

Relocation of the northern office to allow for circulation into the extension and the sensitive integration of lockers within the former chapel.

A new open-plan 'marketplace' for working, meeting and gathering.

Multifunctional 'networking' space with associated fitted furniture to accommodate flexible use.

Self contained office space.

Key

- Marketplace [Desks/ Stalls/ Booths]
- Welcome Area/ Desk
- Cafe - Retail
- WCs
- Private Office Space
- Flexible Networking Space
- Gallery Booths
- Circulation
- Kitchen
- Lockers
- Cafe Outdoor Space
- Flexible Outdoor Space
- Extension Entrance
- Bin/ Bike Store

Reimagining St. John's

In the galleries, there would be break-out spaces for personal phone calls or informal meetings, along with sound-proofed cubicles to provide more private spaces. A lift would provide full access to all parts of the building for all users. The chancel would be an additional flexible space for use by the co-working community, as well as a podium for events.

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