



St Barnabas Northolt Park

Proposal: To mount two (possibly three) screens on the front two pillars in the Nave

History of Proposal: In 2015 St Barnabas began to explore the possibility of installing screens within the church building to aid its worship. In 2017, three quotations from AV companies were received and these ranged from £19,000 to £32,700. These were felt to be expensive quotations and beyond the financial means of the church. Some fundraising for screens was begun, which created a small designated screens fund.

The Situation Now: In 2025, following the arrival of a new Incumbent, ‘temporary’ screens on trolleys were purchased at a cost of £2,700. These were purchased from the designated screens fund; as of January 2026, £4000 remains within this designated fund.

The current challenge we have is that the temporary trolleys do not provide sufficient height for the screens to be visible for all. We wish therefore to seek permission to mount two 65” screens on the front two pillars of church, at a height that they would be more visible and therefore our worship more accessible for all.

Since introducing our screens, we have trialled them in a number of different locations to try and maximise visibility. Current location(s) of screens:



** Please note that chairs are set up slightly differently here for our All Souls service*



Proposal: Within the quotations received in 2017, one AV company provided a ‘mock up’ of their proposal to mount two 65” screens in the location that we are now proposing:



** Please note – this is an old picture of St Barnabas from 2017.*

The screens we have are modern 65” screens and so are very lightweight.

We currently use a modern wireless HDMI system to transmit the signal from the AV desk at the back of church to the screens in their current location. Upon mounting the screens onto the pillars, we would propose to continue using this wireless system to avoid trailing wires.

Our current temporary screens set-up on trolleys involve an electrical wire, contained within trunking to avoid any trip hazard, in order to supply them with electricity. We could explore with an electrician whether it might be possible to install an electrical supply in closer proximity to the pillars, to remove any need for running wires/trunking across the floor.

We also have a smaller 35” screen located on a table within the sanctuary of the church, for the priest and serving team. We could explore whether it might be possible to mount this upon the front pillar as well, in a similar manner to that proposed by one of the AV companies in 2017:



** Please note that this is an old photograph of St Barnabas, from 2017*

** Please note that the sanctuary screen we currently have is smaller than the one depicted here. We could explore the purchase of a different sized screen if recommended.*

We have greatly benefited from the introduction of screens within our worship at St Barnabas:

- The use of screens has been greatly and positively received by the congregation.
- It has greatly reduced our weekly printing, helping us to better meet the fifth Mark of Mission: “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”
- It has made our worship much easier to follow and more accessible for all (who are able to see the screens); before we used screens, we had four different service and song books/sheets which we expected the congregation to flick between to follow the service. It was frequently commented on how easy it was to become lost in attempts to follow the worship.
- It has allowed us to be more creative in our worship and church life – including the use of video within our worship and the better communication of notices via the screens before and after the service.
- We have been able to use the screens when local schools have visited St Barnabas as an educational aid.