

SUMMARY OF WORKS

- Subdivide the choir vestry, retaining the vestry and storage in one half
- Half of the vestry converted into a Changing Places accessible toilet and shower
- Modification of the vestry external door with RADAR key facility to enable access for the local community to the Changing Places toilet



Changing Places toilet internal

St John's church, Farsley is situated in a former village, now an up-and-coming suburb of Leeds. It was built in 1843 in the Gothic Revival style.

There were no toilet facilities within the church building and the PCC wanted to provide an accessible toilet. After further consideration, the PCC decided to take the additional step of creating a 'Changing Places' toilet. Changing Places toilets are designed for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets and include a height adjustable adult sized changing bench, a ceiling track hoist system, adequate space for the disabled person and up to two assistants, a centrally located toilet with space both sides for assistants, a privacy screen, a wide paper roll, a large waste disposal bin and a wash basin, preferably height adjustable. The toilet at Farsley also has accessible showering facilities.



Toilet external

Fitting a toilet which can be accessed from the outside by a RADAR key has had a positive impact on the local community. Many local restaurants are in small premises with poor toilet facilities. They are now able to direct people to the church toilet if needed. Similarly, local shops can direct elderly customers to the toilet. This all builds links with local businesses.

There are a number of Asylum Seekers who use the church for two weeks during the winter and can have access to the shower facilities available in the Changing Places toilet. Knowing that there are accessible showering facilities is also a comfort for those with colostomy bags who may need to use it in an emergency.

The PCC has also been able to offer the use of the toilet to a group of people with disabilities who use the church hall or the church.

Grade II Listed

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