# Statement of Significance

Guidance on completing this form can be found on the ChurchCare website at <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/guidance-advice/statements-of-significance-need>

*This document must be accompanied by the Standard Information Form 1A*

**Section 1: Brief history and description of the church building(s), contents, churchyard and setting**

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| **Section 2: The significance of the church (including its contents and churchyard) in terms of:**  **i) Its special architectural and historical interest**  **ii) Any significant features of artistic or archaeological interest**  Please state if you have taken expert advice to help you define the significance, and from whom. |

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| **Section 3: Assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance defined in Section 2** |

**Statement of Needs**

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**Section 1. General information**

This should provide an overview of the parish and the current use of the building.

**Section 2. What do you need?**

Briefly explain your needs (not your proposals). Append any brief for your architect.

**Section 3. The proposals**

Set out what you are proposing to do in order to meet the needs set out in section 2.

**Section 5. Justification**

If the proposals are likely to harm the significance outlined in the Statement of significance, explain how the proposals would result in public benefits which outweigh such harm (public benefits include matters such as liturgical freedom, pastoral wellbeing and putting the church to viable uses that are consistent with its role as a place of worship and mission).

**Section 4. Why do you need it and why do you need it now?**

Justify your proposals by explaining why you can’t meet your needs without making changes. Also include anything which may have prompted the proposals.