

The vestry has established a Building Working Group (BWG) to study what sensible solutions can be found to restore the building. We have had meetings and we ask any member of the parish who would like to join the group to email building@stjohnsbangor.org, and you will be added to the mailing list. You don't have to participate in the meeting if you just want to listen and learn how things might work out OR if you want to pitch in and have an opinion about what needs to be done, we welcome hearing from you.

We need to replace the top section of the tower and remove part of the portico. The top of the tower which we call the Belfry though there is no bell, is in dangerous condition. We have had the original report from Mike Pullen and Ben Cawley and we will meet with them on May 5 and 6 PM. We also met with another structural engineer, and contractors and we will meet with them on May 6 at 6PM. After hearing from them, we will discuss various ideas and select which experts we will use to support this work.

We want to keep the tower but will have to replace the Belfry with new construction of modern materials and eliminate the stone and cement that are falling apart.

We need your input and understanding. This committee will recommend a course of action to the Vestry which will in turn present it to the whole parish. We want to do something that looks right and doesn't cost more than we can afford. We think that this can be done.

If you email Ralph building@stjohnsbangor.org, you will be added to the mailing list and be sent invitations to the Zoom meetings.

Don Lewis, Jr. Warden and Ralph Whedon, Co-Chairs