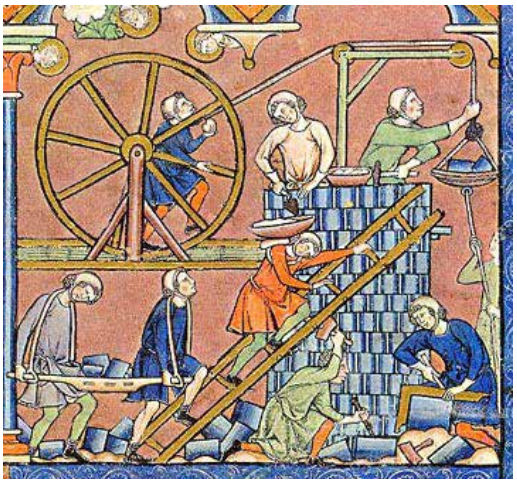
St. Edith's Church
Monks Kirby

Church Builder

The 15th century reality challenge.
Build a church.
Make the decisions.
Think like a church builder from the 1400s



Your Task

The year is 1468

You are in charge of the money for re-building a village church which has been badly damaged by fire.

You have been asked to make plans for repairing and extending the church and replacing internal fittings which were damaged in the fire.

You must take note of these things…

The church needs to hold 100 extra people now.
In 40 years time it will need to hold 200 more people
(in addition to the 100 above).
You can spend £700 now.
You can spend another £400 in 30 years time.
A rich land owner will add an extra £250 now if a chantry is built for him.

Here are some points to consider…

Discuss what you will build now and in 30 years time.

You can save some of the money you have now to spend in 30 year time.

Use the information sheet to help you.

Use the planning sheets to work things out.

Show all of your calculations.

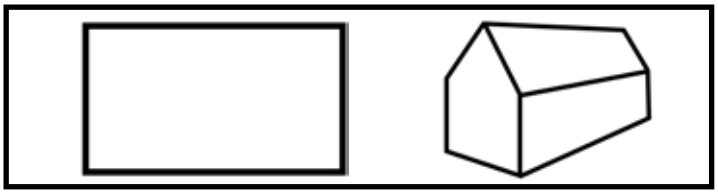
Try different combinations of things before to decide on a final plan.

Make sure you include the things you HAVE to have.

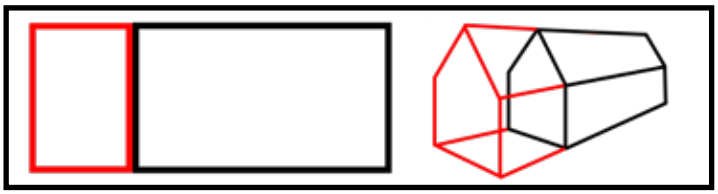
Draw your final plans on the final plan sheet.

Do not use a calculator, they weren't around 500 years ago!

Structural Building Information Sheet

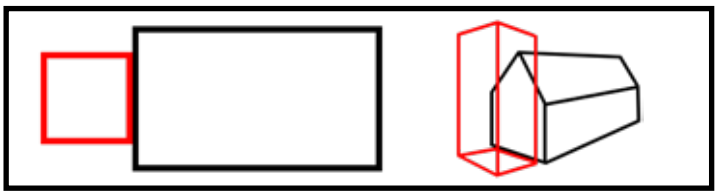


Rebuild north and south walls, and replace the roof.
THIS REPAIR MUST BE DONE.
Cost £150

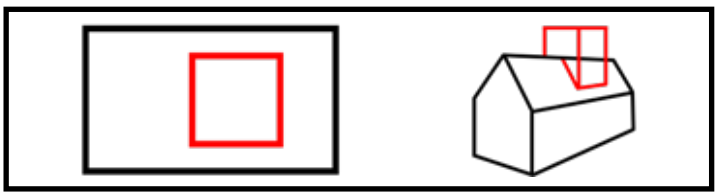


Extend NAVE to hold an extra 150 people.

Cost £150

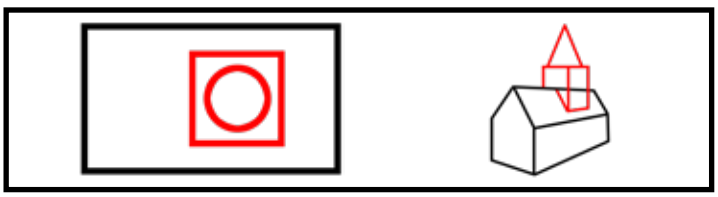


Build TOWER at the end of the church.
Needed for bells and to make the church look much more grand.
Cost £150



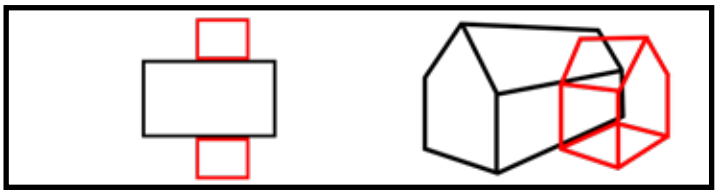
Build the TOWER in centre of church.
You will only need to have one type of tower.

Cost £150

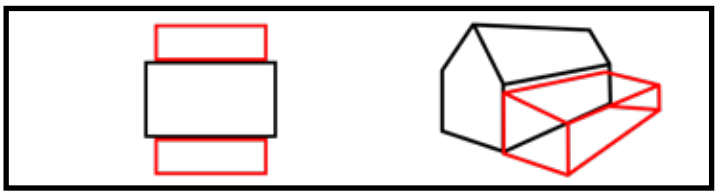


Add a SPIRE to either tower.
Will make the church the best in the county.

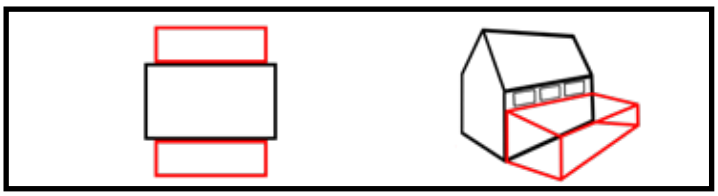
Cost £250



Add two TRANSEPTS to hold 150 people. This will give the church a cross shape.
Transepts can also be added to aisles.
Cost £250

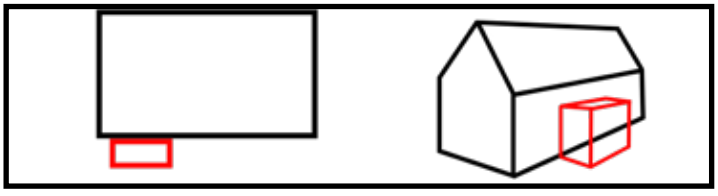


AISLES can be added to either side.
They hold 100 people each but make the nave darker.
Cost £200 per aisle.



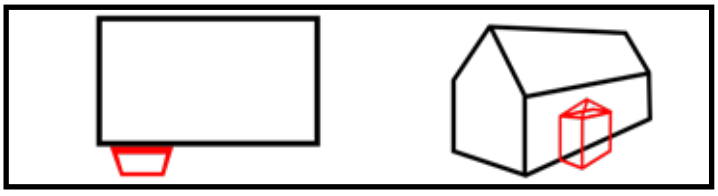
Raise nave walls to make inside brighter.

Cost £300 for one aisle. £400 for two aisles



Build a PORCH to store parish records and protect the main door from the weather.

Cost £100



CHANTRY. A small private chapel which can be added anywhere. You must build one of these for the rich land owner.
Cost £65

Work To Be Done Now

Draw pictures/plans of the work and fittings you are going to buy now.
Write down your costings.
Remember you do not have to, nor will you be able to afford to, do all the work immediately. Churches are long-term projects.

Work To Be Done In 30 Years Time

Draw pictures/plans of the work and fittings you are going to buy now.
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