

Stiftelse Sankt Sigfrids Eremitage

Nordens Drottningens kapell

*A chapel in honour of God,
Mary, Queen of the North,
and all the saints of Sweden*

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PROJECTPLAN



“It would be wonderful if you could have your own hermitage in solitude; we are praying for that. How lovely that people want to assist you with this.”

(Cardinal Anders Arborelius)

“I am convinced – and I have said this all along – that this hermitage is God’s Will. (...) It is God’s glory that is at stake here. Yes, I bless St Sigfrid’s Hermitage with these words: Do not give up – God is worth it! United in prayer and with the wish for God’s blessing” *(Fr Joseph Maria Nilsson OFMConv.)*

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1. SANKT SIGFRIDS EREMITAGE

On Kinnekulle, just outside Gössäter, along the pilgrimage route between Husaby and Forshem, Sankt Sigfrids Eremitage – a Catholic hermitage – has been in existence since November 2025, where Father Bengt lives as a Benedictine hermit: <https://www.sankt-sigfrids-eremitage.se/>

After almost 20 years of monastic life as a Benedictine monk, Father Bengt received permission from his superiors to settle in Sweden as a hermit. There he wishes to serve God in silence, prayer and penance, for the salvation and conversion of souls, particularly in Sweden and Scandinavia. Once at night and seven times a day, he prays the Benedictine Office. He supports himself by sculpting statues of saints in his workshop: <https://www.sankt-eriks-konstverkstad.se/>

2. STIFTELSE SANKT SIGFRIDS EREMITAGE

The Saint Sigfrid's Hermitage Foundation (Stiftelse Sankt Sigfrids Eremitage) is a registered foundation (Reg. No.: 802482-8199) and was established to support Father Bengt and the activities of Saint Sigfrid's Hermitage. The foundation works specifically to complete, maintain and preserve the Hermitage's chapel and other buildings. The Foundation uses donations exclusively for this purpose. We hope and pray that Saint Sigfrid's Hermitage may develop into a significant centre for Catholic life in the very region where the Catholic faith once took root in western Sweden and where the first christian King of Sweden, Olov Skötkonung, was baptised by Saint Sigfrid. We strongly believe in the missionary power of the contemplative and hermitic live. Sankt Sigfrids Eremitage is the only hermitage in Sweden (and Scandinavia).

3. PROJECT

Stiftelse Sankt Sigfrids Eremitage wishes to complete the chapel of Saint Sigfrid's Hermitage, so that Father Bengt has a place where he can celebrate Mass and pray the Divine Office with dignity, and where there also is a possibility for the faithful to participate in the Liturgy. Today, St Sigfrid's Hermitage consists of a small cottage and a building that is not yet fully completed, which is to be used as a chapel in the future. At present, Fr. Bengt prays the Office and celebrates Mass in his living room. He has neither a shower nor a toilet. There is no parking space.

4. DETAILED DESCRIPTION

- A **heating system** needs to be installed (there is water-based underfloor heating, but the existing (temporary) electric boiler must be replaced). We wish to install a geothermal heat pump, which is a sustainable, economical and environmentally friendly heating system.
- A **disabled-accessible toilet** and **shower** need to be installed with an additional **external door** for wheelchairs.
- The existing (temporary) **staircase** must be moved, interior **doors**, door and window frames installed, and the attic converted into a **sacristy**.
- A **wall** will be moved to create more space on the ground floor.
- The roof must be reinforced with additional **columns**.
- All **electrical installations** that have been started must be completed.
- Furthermore, a **floor** needs to be laid and the **walls** painted.
- A **porch** will be built for the service entrance and toilet and the main entrance will be adorned with two columns.
- A small **bell tower** will be built above the main entrance.

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- The façades will be adorned with wood carvings.
- Extras: **parking spaces** (including one disabled space) and **foot-paths** must be constructed.

5. BUDGET

- New heating system: approx. 250.000 SEK. (23.000 EUR)
- Disabled-accessible toilet, shower, wall, staircase,... : approx. 500.000 SEK. (46.300 EUR)
- Electrical work: approx. 150.000 SEK. (13.800 EUR)
- Porch and bell tower: approx. 200.000 SEK. (18.600 EUR)
- Flooring, painting, parking spaces: approx. 100.000 SEK. (9.270 EUR)

Total approx. SEK 1.200.000 (110.000 EUR)

6. OWN CONTRIBUTION

Our own financial commitment currently amounts to approximately SEK 360,000 (**33.000 EUR**). So far, we have not received any grants from authorities or foundations.

This project is backed and supported by a large group of people and has attracted considerable interest, even among non-Catholics. The hermitage was purchased thanks to financial contributions from many people. We are counting on this support continuing and even increasing once we publicise our project.

7. SCHEDULE

- Heating system, toilet, shower, walls, stairs, stands, doors, electricity: December 2026–March 2027
- Flooring, interior painting, porch and bell tower: April–May 2027
- Parking spaces, footpaths: June–July 2027
- Other: August–October 2027
- Completion: **November 2027**

8. LONG-TERM OUTCOME

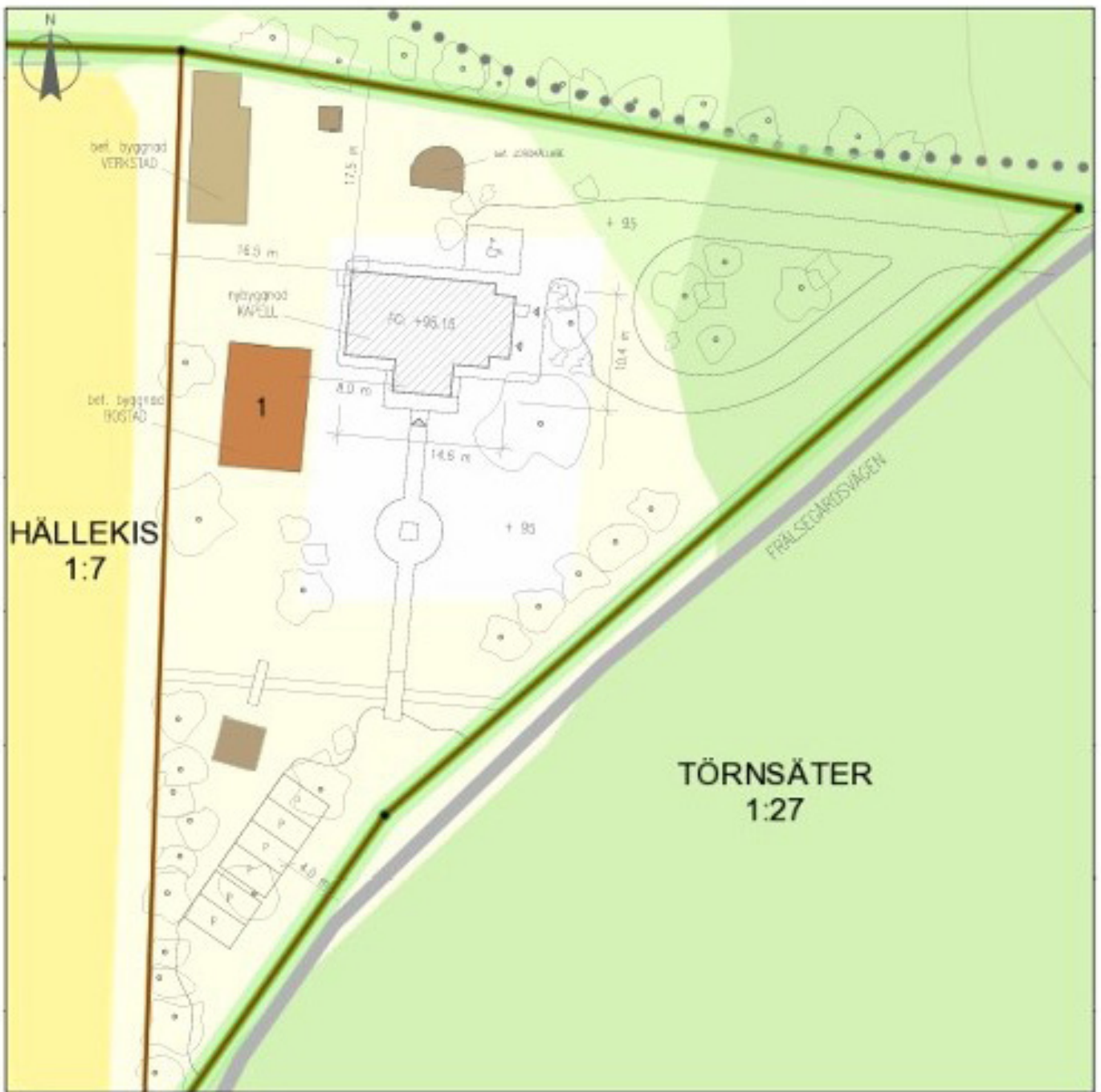
Following the completion of the project, the results will be managed in the long term by the Sankt Sigfrids Eremitage Foundation, in accordance with its purpose.

This management is made possible by the foundation's long-term structure and its ability to receive gifts, donations and grants. This creates the conditions for both continuity and further development.

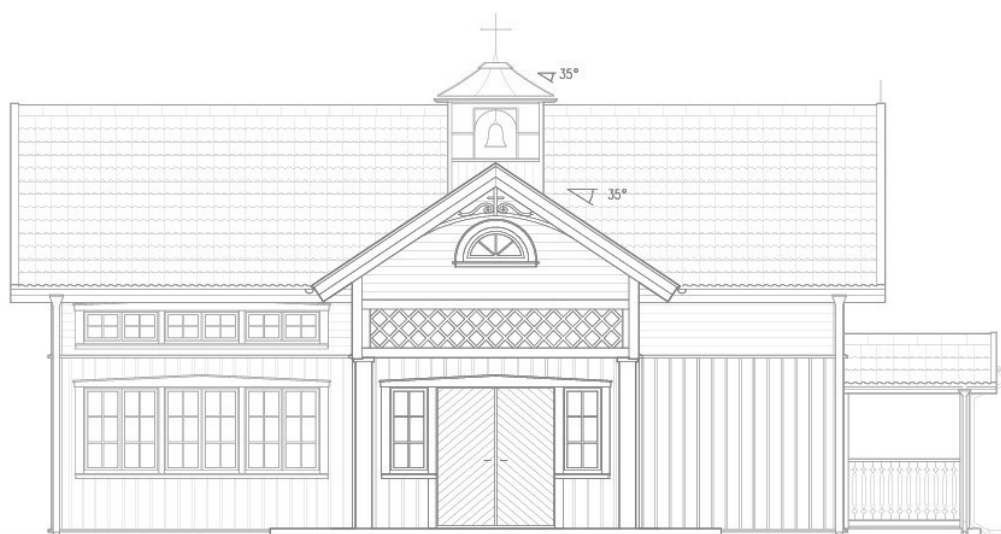
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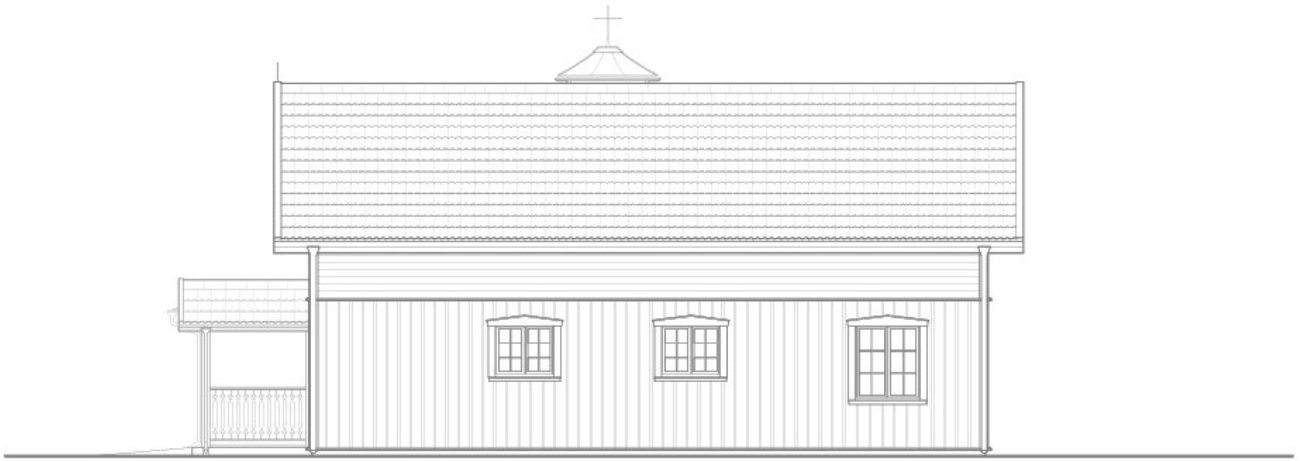


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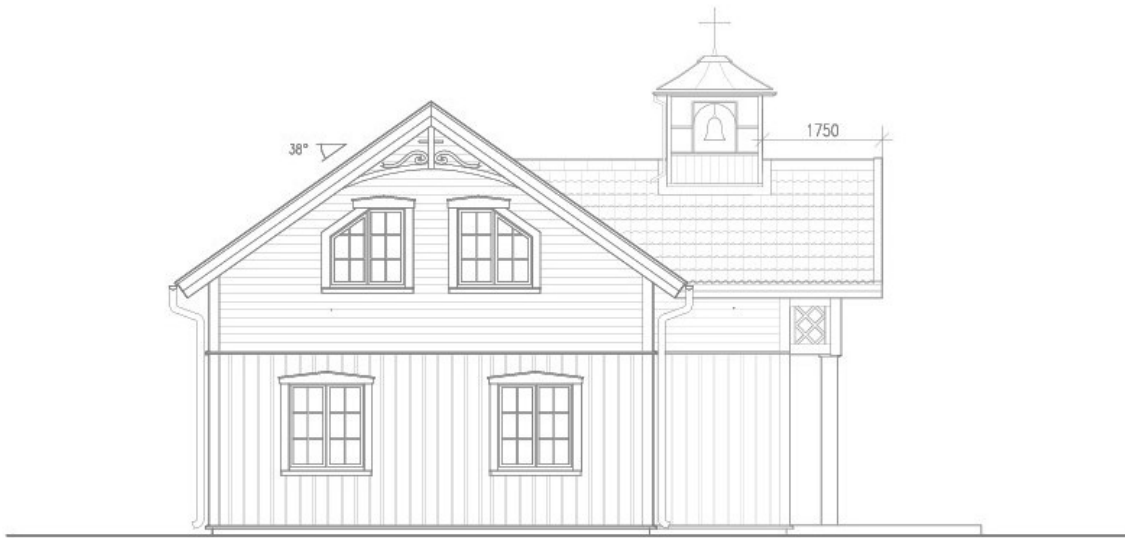


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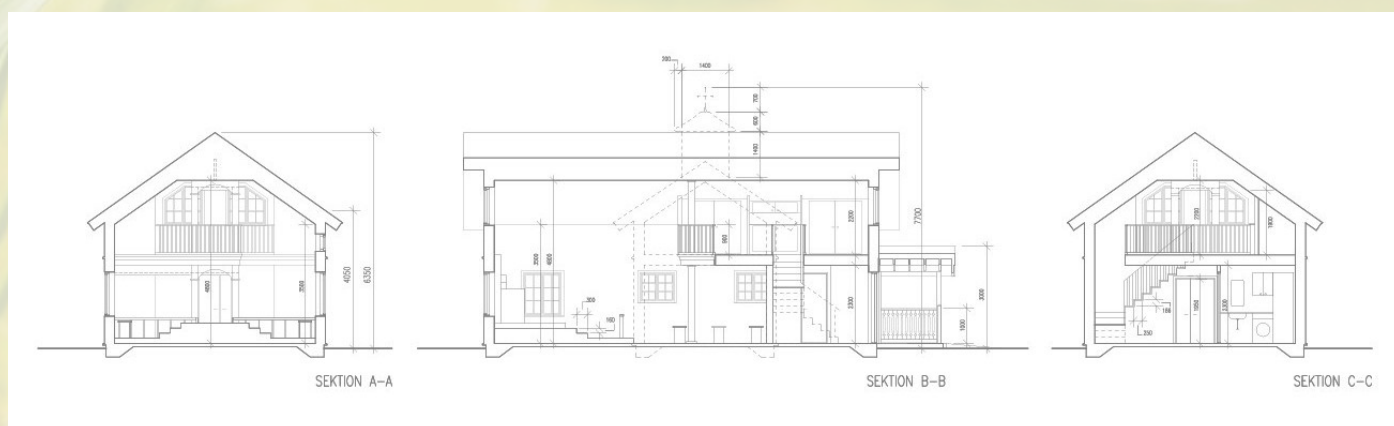
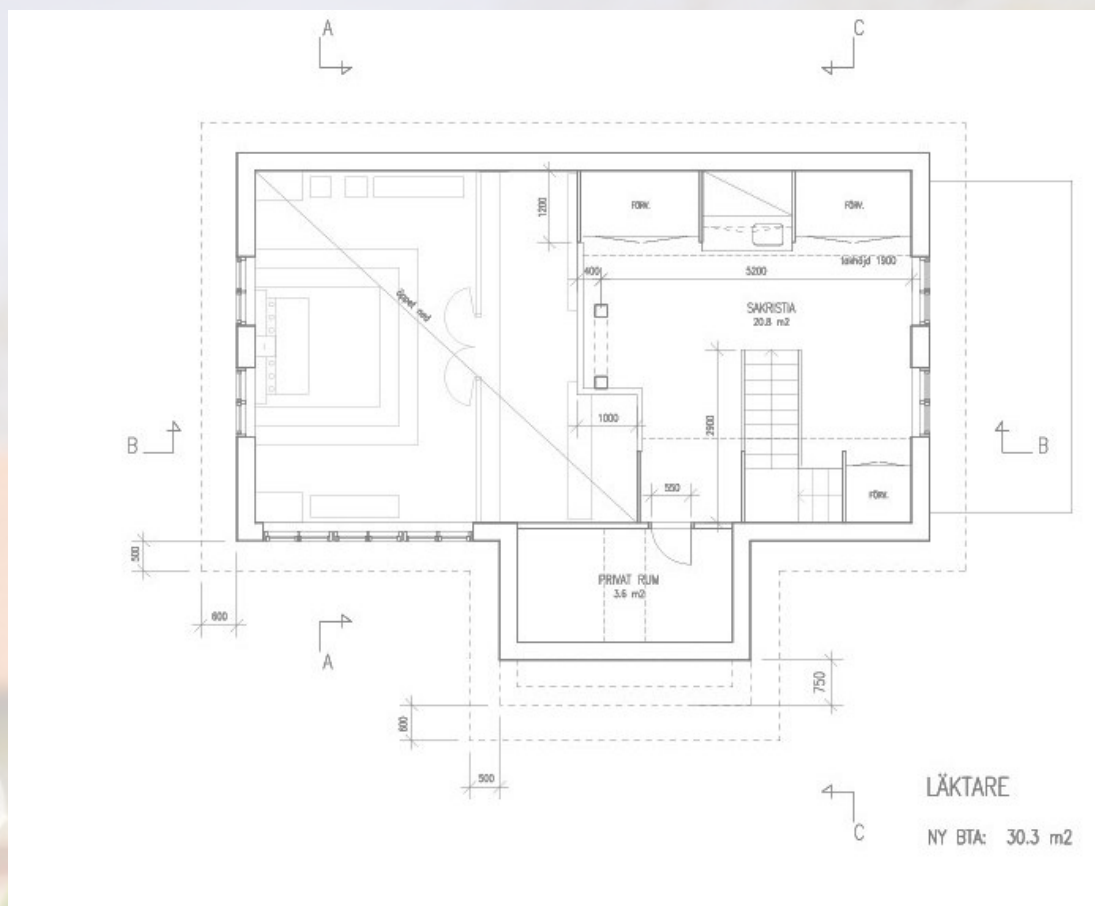


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Bathroom



Actual service entrance



Actual heating system and
electricity

12. CONTACT INFORMATION

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