

ST COLUMBA'S BUILDING NEWS



March 2023

The building has been a hive of activity since last month's edition!

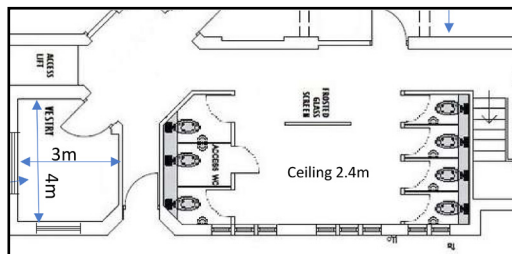
There have been major changes to the toilets, main hall and the upstairs rooms, with other bits and pieces also occurring - read on to find out more.

Toilets

The old toilet stalls have been completely demolished and drains for the new ones dug (this was particularly noisy last week - especially as it is directly underneath where our office is!)

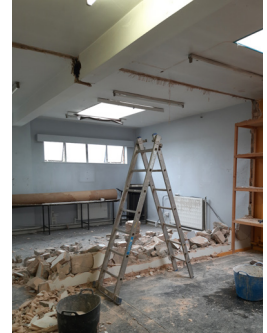


When complete, this area will comprise of a number of unisex cubicles and a central hand-washing area, something like this:



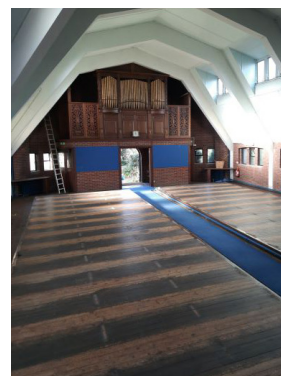
Upstairs

Meanwhile, upstairs the wall between two of the upstairs rooms has been demolished. Originally, we thought that this area would become our new office, but it's slightly larger than we need! So this new larger room will become a meeting space for meetings such as Powerhouse and the office will be in what we're currently calling the chess-board carpet room.



Main Hall

Last week, all the wooden flooring was taken up in the main hall in readiness for being levelled. We've been able to save the parquet from the aisles (which was hidden by the carpet). This will be reused in the building. The insulation is currently being laid, which will be covered in cement to level the floor sometime in the next few days.



Bye bye kitchen...

Pete, Simon, Becci, John and I had great fun a few weeks ago “dismantling” the old kitchen downstairs. Although we were able to unscrew many of the cabinets, some needed a heavier application of physics, where Pete’s lump hammer came in very handy indeed. Video footage of some of this hardcore dismantling does exist and may see the light of day at a later stage!



What’s Next?

Our heating engineer has spent the past few days drilling holes in the walls upstairs so that he can route the pipework for the new boiler and radiators upstairs. These will be installed next week and the week after, meaning that the whole of the upstairs area will have heating - no more shivering in the kitchen whilst waiting for the kettle to boil!

Work will continue in the toilets and hall, as well as finishing up the decorating in the vestry downstairs and the upstairs spaces (the latter so we can potentially use it for Powerhouse next term!)

Although working in what amounts to a building site has had its challenges in the past few weeks, as a team we are also incredibly excited to see the progress made by the various contractors on a daily basis.

We have also been surprised to see a genuine interest in what’s happening in the building by our neighbours, not just from the physical point of view, but many are also very pleased to hear and see that we are going to be using this place as a church and not yet another city centre redevelopment. Please pray that we can continue to be a light and a blessing to the local community.



Saturday Work Parties

We’ve loved having you all with us on Saturday mornings again this month. The dates for the next Saturday Work parties are:

Saturday 15th April 10:00am - 1:00pm

Saturday 22nd April 10:00am - 1:00pm

Please use the link in Jubilee News to sign up if you are able to come and help.

Our communications plan is to publish updates on a monthly basis via Jubilee News - the next edition will be during the last week of April.

If you would like to be more involved in any aspect of our refurbishment of St Columba’s, please get in touch with Faith Miller in the church office on office@jubileechurchcoventry.org