

ST COLUMBA'S BUILDING NEWS



April 2023



Since the last edition at the end of March:

- 🔧 The main hall floor has been levelled,
- 🔧 The new toilet drains have been dug, the floor levelled and the walls on one side replastered,
- 🔧 The decorators have started work painting the main hall,
- 🔧 The boiler, pipework and radiators for upstairs, the vestry and corridors have been installed,
- 🔧 The rooflights for the upstairs rooms have been ordered,
- 🔧 We've filled an enormous skip with old flooring and other bits and pieces from the building that we can't reuse or be recycled (more on that later!),
- 🔧 We've ordered the carpet for the main hall and what will become the office,
- 🔧 We've ordered the materials for James to build the first three of the new toilet cubicles.

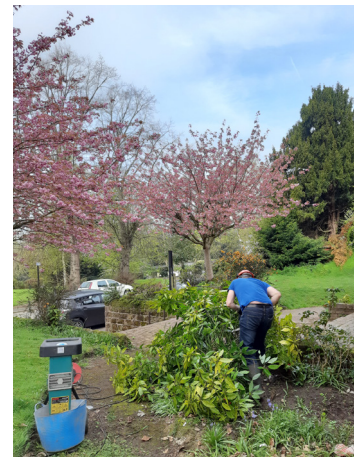


Saturday Work Parties



At the second, we got outdoors and into the garden! Our wonderful group of 15 chopped down shrubs, shredded them up, weeded, filled in the test pits, picked up litter and put everything into the top of the enormous skip via a ladder!

This month so far we have had two Saturday Work Parties: the first was to empty the back hall of all the old wooden flooring, and dismantled kitchen cupboards and put them in the skip.



Environment Stuff

The stewarding of resources, whether it be ours as a church, or those of our planet, is important. As we've been on our St Columba's journey, we've been keen to ensure that where possible, we are environmentally aware in our choices and decisions. This includes:

- ♻️ We are renovating the building, rather than knocking it down and starting again!
- ♻️ We are reusing as many of the original materials as possible, including the parquet flooring taken up from the main hall. Some of the old interior doors will be given a new lease of life as toilet cubicle doors! We also gave as much of the old floorboards from the main hall as could be reused to a local recycling company.
- ♻️ All the new radiators are heat pump ready. Currently, heat pump technology is much more expensive than our budget allows, but by fitting these radiators it gives us the option to upgrade the boiler system in the future without having to replace the whole system,
- ♻️ We are currently looking into cladding/insulation solutions for the rear part of the building and upstairs so that we can be as heat efficient as possible.



What's Next?

We are currently concentrating on getting the building ready to be able to host the evening prayer meetings for our Week of Prayer on 7th - 14th May, as well as the All Together meeting on Sunday 14th May.

Following that, work will continue on fitting out what will become a medium sized meeting room upstairs, which includes replacing the rooflights in there and what will become our permanent office space and making those rooms watertight - yay!

There's also one more Work Party this month on Saturday 29th April, when we will be putting on our marigolds and cleaning the back hall in readiness for the above gatherings - message Faith if you would like to come along.



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

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