

ST COLUMBA'S BUILDING NEWS



May 2023



It was a real treat to see everyone at St Columba's for our All Together earlier this month, as both sites met there on a Sunday morning for the first time.

Thankfully, the weather was awesome so we were able to have drinks and pastries outside before the meeting, then a picnic lunch together afterwards.

It was a bit of a rush to get some of the bits and pieces together and ready for the day, but we managed it! Read on to discover what has changed even since then, as well as exciting news for City Site.



Main Hall

The biggest changes since the last edition is that the main hall has now had its ceiling painted, and it has also been carpeted! Check out the progress over the past few months:



This was taken back in November, shortly after we took ownership of the building.

It's difficult to see it, but the floor is on a slight slant, with a stage at the front.

For ultimate usability, we wanted to have the whole of the hall floor level. The old wooden floor and the carpets were taken up in order to do this.



The builders first laid insulation, which has the dual purpose of using less concrete to bring the level up.

The concrete was then laid in several different blocks over several days by many hardworking chaps with wheelbarrows.



Once this was done and dried, in came the decorators to paint the ceiling white. This is how the hall looked just before our All Together on 14th May.

Just after the All Together, the hall was carpeted - yay!

We now just need to sort heating and AV, and fit the platform lift in the front right of the hall.



Toilets

You'll be pleased to hear that we now have four functioning toilets in the building! James has utilised his mad DIY skills to repurpose some of the original cubicle doors, along with other materials, to fit three new floor-to-ceiling unisex cubicles. In time, the existing toilet will be demolished, making way for four standard-sized unisex cubicles.



What's Next?

We just heard last week that the replacement roof lanterns for the two upstairs rooms (that will become the permanent office and prayer room respectively) will be ready to fit this week, which means we can then get those rooms decorated and carpeted, ready for use.



City Site is moving!

One of the wonderful knock-on effects of having the skylights replaced earlier than expected is that City Site will be able to move their Sunday meetings to St Columba's.

It won't be a case of moving into a "finished" product and there still needs to be a flexible mentality while we continue to work things out. Think of it as camping!

City Site's first meeting at St Columba's will be on
Sunday 11th June 10:15 - 11:45am



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

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