

ST COLUMBA'S BUILDING NEWS



June 2023

Over the last month, our meeting rooms have been taking shape! We have had the decorators back, painting the two larger rooms upstairs and Andrew has painted the small room downstairs. Keep reading to learn more about these renovations!

We've also made decisions on what to call the various rooms, rather than referring to them by their location or wall colour!

- 🏠 *Main Hall = Meeting Room 1*
- 🏠 *Back Hall = Meeting Room 2*
- 🏠 *Small room downstairs = Vestry*
- 🏠 *Green Room upstairs = Meeting Room 3*
- 🏠 *Brown-ish Room upstairs = will be the new office, then the current office will become the Lounge.*

As of the last few weeks, several of our groups have been able to use St Columba's for their meetings and events, which is leading us to start putting together the different systems that will be needed to accommodate bookings and users in the future.

The main event has been City Site moving their Sunday morning meetings to St Columba's as of 11th June. After three weeks here so far, things are going well, toilet blockages notwithstanding!



Room Refurbs

We're well on the way to having three finished rooms: two for meetings and one for the permanent office:



Meeting Room 3 was two rooms when we first moved in. The dividing wall was removed fairly early on to make what we originally planned to be the permanent office.

It is now a large, light space with new roof lanterns. This will be used for medium-sized groups and meetings during the week, and for the Oaks group on Sunday mornings. Still to do: gloss paint, carpet, lighting, power.



We originally planned this space to be a medium-sized meeting room, but it turned out to be better suited to become the **permanent office space**.

This room is still very much a work in progress. The roof lanterns have been replaced and the walls painted, but there is still lots to do before we can move the office up here!



Vestry

The Vestry downstairs was particularly challenging to strip down - several of our work parties were spent stripping the wallpaper and gunk from the walls, then filling in the many small holes in the walls!

It is now a comfy room that is used for smaller meetings during the week and as a creche / withdrawal space on Sunday mornings.

Still to do: lighting!



Kitchen

Now that City Site are meeting in the building on Sundays, we needed to fix up a space to be able to prepare refreshments and clean up afterwards, other than using the kitchenette upstairs.

The result was Andrew plumbing in a sink unit in the empty kitchen space. Along with a stainless steel shelving unit, this works well as a temporary measure until we can refit the kitchen.



What's Next?

The next project is large and important: power, lighting and networking for most of the building! Our electricians (student Josh Spiers' dad Dan and his chaps) were on site on Tuesday this week to do some preparation for starting the actual works next week - yay! This may present the need for flexibility in the coming weeks, as they work their way around the building, but are hoping to keep disruption to a minimum.

Over the summer, we will also be installing four more toilets in the space behind the current disabled toilet. This will mean reducing the number of available loos to three in the short term, before going up to a grand total of seven!

Party party party!

As part of our 25th anniversary celebrations, we are planning to host a party at St Columba's on Saturday 14th October.

If you would like to be a part of the planning in any way, big or small, please get in touch with Faith:
office@jubileechurchcoventry.org

More information is coming in a couple of weeks.



Our communications plan is to publish updates on a monthly basis via Jubilee News. We're taking a break for the summer holidays, so the next edition will be during the last week of September (when it's also Faith's 50th birthday!!).

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