

ST COLUMBA'S BUILDING NEWS



September 2023

This summer's big job has been the electrics. As the building needed a complete rewire, our wonderful electricians were on site for most of July and August. As well as replacing the wiring and lighting in the majority of the building, the distribution board (fuse boxes) has also been moved to within a cupboard.

The electrics (power and lighting) are now around 80% done, awaiting the completion of a couple of other jobs before they can be finished.



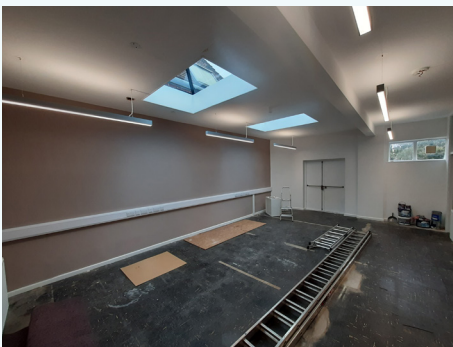
Hall 1 has eight new, dimmable pendant lights. The uplighters at the sides will be updated with LEDs shortly. There are also now working power sockets - no more trailing extension cables from the Vestry on Sunday mornings - and network sockets too.



Hall 2 now has new, functioning, dimmable LED strip lights as well as updated sockets.



Meeting Room 3 is now carpeted and has new sockets and LED suspended lighting.

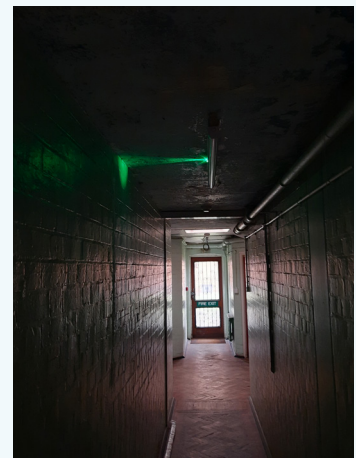


The new office has new power and network sockets along the wall where our desks will be, as well as LED suspended lighting.

Now that the roof in here is water-tight, we can go ahead with the carpeting and then moving the office in in the next few months.



Stylish pendant lamp in the stairway.



The corridors also have LED strip lights with emergency lighting green LEDs on the sides.

The lighting in the Vestry has also been replaced (not pictured).

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.

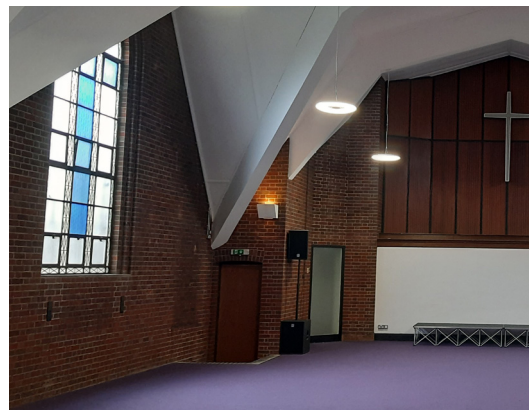
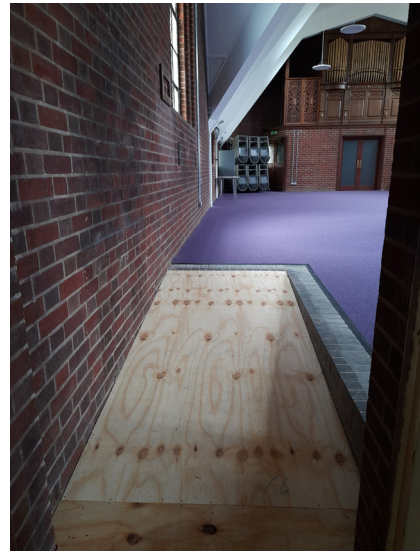


- ♻️ Where possible, the original brass socket plates and light switches have been cleaned up to be reused. The one in the photo is in the current office - keep your eyes peeled for others around the building as they are being installed!
- ♻️ Energy-efficient LEDs have been used throughout the building, some of which are dimmable.
- ♻️ The lighting in the toilet cubicles is sensor-activated, meaning that they only switch on when the cubicle is in use.
- ♻️ We're also currently investigating the possibility of funding to enable us to install some properly decent bicycle parking on the site.
- ♻️ Two of the doorways at the "front end" of Hall 1 have been fitted with frosted glass, while the wooden doors have been refitted to the other two doorways (*see photo to the right*). This will help with both heat retention and noise/echo.

Accessibility

Unfortunately, much of the equipment and measures to enable accessibility within and around the building that we inherited have turned out to not be particularly compliant. We are currently working on ways to temporarily combat this, at least in the short and medium term.

One example is this new ramp into Hall 1 which James built a couple of weeks ago, where there will eventually be a small platform lift.



What's Next?

- 🔧 Three more toilet cubicles will be built before our 25th Birthday Celebration Weekend,
- 🔧 We're about to go ahead on completing phase one of the heating (upstairs and toilets),
- 🔧 A team is ready to go with the designing and refurbishing of the main kitchen,
- 🔧 We're almost ready to move the office to its permanent home.

All of the work so far has been funded by the last Building Offering at the end of 2022, which has now been spent. Our next Building Offering will be on **Sunday 12th November**.

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

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