

ST COLUMBA'S BUILDING NEWS



November 2023

Building Offering

In case you missed it, at our Building Offering on 12th November, you pledged just over £54,000 towards the ongoing renovation and refurbishment of St Columba's.

This is brilliant, and enables us to do get started on some smaller projects around the building, as well as Phases 2 & 3 of the heating: the Main Hall, and Hall 2 and Kitchen.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed.



If you have been to St Columba's in the last few weeks and have experienced the slightly chilly temperatures in the main hall, you will no doubt be delighted to hear that we have a temporary temporary solution to the problem!

We've been able to borrow 14 hot air heaters from Jubilee Church Solihull, which we will run (along with a 15th that we already owned) from one of the generators stored at the side of the building. James is currently busy fitting the correct cables and adaptors to make this work ready for Sunday morning.

Please continue to pray that our original temporary solution, the marquee heater that we ordered back in mid-October, is able to get through customs (where it has been stuck for the past 3 weeks) and onward to us.

We're hopeful that our original Heating Engineer will be able to get started on the more permanent heating system for that area in the spring of next year.

This month, we have installed sanitary and nappy bins, and cotton pull towels in the toilets area.

We've also now engaged a local cleaning company that employs refugees and migrants living in Coventry to clean the building every Monday morning.



What's Next?

Work that we still need to do includes:

- Phase 2 Heating (Main Hall),
- Phase 3 Heating (Hall 2 and Kitchen),
- Kitchen,
- Redecorate Hall 2 and corridors,
- Replacement of some external doors,
- Insulation of Hall 2 and upstairs,
- Repair external guttering,
- New flat roofs,
- Replacement of some windows at the rear.

Our communications plan is to publish updates on a monthly basis via Jubilee News. The next edition will be during the last week of January, after a break for the Christmas holidays.

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