

ST COLUMBA'S BUILDING NEWS

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It's now been a whole year since we have inhabited St Columba's and there have been so many changes during that time!

The primary reason for publishing these monthly newsletters was to ensure that we kept you all up to date on all that was happening at St Columba's, especially before it was possible to hold any regular meetings here. Also, over the last year, the fast pace of change meant that there was a lot to tell you about! However, now that the majority of the "visible" renovations have taken place, milestones are much further apart, and there are now plenty of opportunities to see the interior of the building at one of the many meetings and events that are hosted here, there is much less to communicate to you all!

In the light of this, we have made the decision to make this the last of the regular monthly Building News updates. No doubt there will be ad hoc editions as more areas are completed, for example the kitchen and Hall 2, in the future.



We're really pleased to announce that phase 3 of our heating is now installed and working. (Phase 3 is the radiators in the kitchen and Hall 2.)

Although the new heating system in the Main Hall (phase 2) is operational, we've had some hiccups, which are due to be resolved at the end of this week. It's been great to feel warm on Sunday mornings - those who experienced the meeting when it was just 11°C at the end of last year will never forget it!



Spring is very definitely on its way!

A couple of weeks ago, Mike T very kindly came and pressure washed the front steps, as the damp winter weather had left them quite slippery. The result is a vast improvement - we can actually see the brickwork now!

Spring flowers are also appearing around the grounds: we've seen snowdrops, crocuses and a few daffodils so far.

Meanwhile, inside the building we have taken delivery of some lovely spider plants. This one is in the office and three more are downstairs in the Vestry.

If you would like to donate any (low maintenance) house plants, please get in touch with the Office.





Sometimes, getting the smallest of things just right makes all the difference: check out our new custom made toilet roll holders!

They have the same brass fittings and copper piping as the heating pipes throughout the building, bringing in the design aesthetic of the early 1930s, when St Columba's was built.

How have we managed to get the look just right? Andrew made them as a side-project whilst the rest of the family was busy at his daughter-in-law's Baby Shower at the end of last year :-)

All in all, the toilets have truly been an in-house endeavour, with James building the cubicles and indeed demolishing the old walls!

Coming soon...



The kitchen is still in the planning stages, but we are hoping to be able to start on installation in the coming months.

This will open up more possibilities for things such as Alpha and other catered events.



Two of the most boring and invisible, but necessary ways to spend money on a building such as St Columba's is on insulation and replacing the roof. However, these will make a difference in heating efficiency in the years to come, as well as making sure we're completely water-tight.



We would like to paint the walls in Hall 2, making the space more inviting and usable now that the heating is installed and running.



An ongoing project is to continue to make St Columba's more homely and comfortable. We'll be doing this by bringing in more plants and soft furnishings, as well as bringing over some of our books and knick-knacks from our storage space at Eaton House.



If you have any questions about St Columba's, our renovation, or indeed Jubilee Church, please contact the church office on office@jubileechurchcoventry.org