

PILGRIMS' PROGRESS



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PROJECT PROGRESS

The Reordering is progressing on schedule for completion in April. Recent photographs can be found on Facebook. The meeting rooms have been named 'Raven' and 'Dove'. The following areas of work are worthy of note:

- Laying of the stone floor throughout the Nave and Aisles
- Installation of the two steel staircases
- The completion of the glazing and fitting out to the meeting rooms
- Ventilation to the Pods and church Office
- The hanging of the doors and fixing of the ironmongery
- The installation of the servery and sanitary-ware
- Electrical and lighting installations, Mechanical installations
- The framing works within the Memorial Chapel ready for glazing
- Construction of the west end porch
- Refurbishment of the west end steps
- Landscaping and external works including the ramp
- Installation of a telephone landline and broadband

Once the works are complete there will be an official handover and a planned COVID re-entry programme will be implemented during which the church will remain closed and 'off limits'.

It is planned for the reordered church to hold its first service on Sunday, 9th May 2021.



Furnishing the Church



We are now at a tremendously exciting time in the reordering programme, with deliveries being scheduled. The office and pod furniture will be delivered on April 6th followed by the church chairs, the bespoke choir readers, and in the following week the moveable organ. Servery equipment will follow soon after. We will be ordering equipment for children as soon as we have assessed what we have already in store. We have decided to wait on the welcome area furniture until we are sure about exactly what we want. So in early April we shall see the beautiful re-ordered space begin to come to life with furniture.

Here is the latest photograph from Belinda Scarlett of the altar cloth panel representing 'air'. The cloth will be delivered in time for our opening service. Clair Chilvers

FUNDRAISING

WE'RE NEARLY THERE! Yes, thanks to the generosity of so many people, we are in the home straight, but we still need to dig deep to get to the finishing line. Our fundraising campaign has been hit badly by Covid restrictions, so we will continue to run fundraising events during 2021, to minimise the sums which we will need to borrow to finish the project. As events are planned details will be included in the weekly Newsletter.



Have you seen the photos of the wonderful new limestone floor? The Stepping Stones Appeal is still open, so why not celebrate /commemorate a n important event by sponsoring one or more stones for just £25 each? For more details please contact Cate in the church office: info@pipandjims.org.uk. If you wish to pay by online banking, details are as follows:

Lloyds Cheltenham account: St Philip and St James PCC
Sort code: 30-95-72 Account No.: 00260740

New chairs and choir readers will be delivered in April, and we are grateful to those who have already contributed to their cost: £230 per chair or £2000 for a three-person choir reader.

A book of donors to the Reordering Appeal will be kept in the church : If you have already contributed but have not indicated if you would like your name to be included, please let Peter Cottingham know as soon as possible: petergreendoor@aol.com

Thank you all again: your support is helping us to create a place of welcome and inclusion for the whole community

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