

Newsletter No 2

Glory Revealed

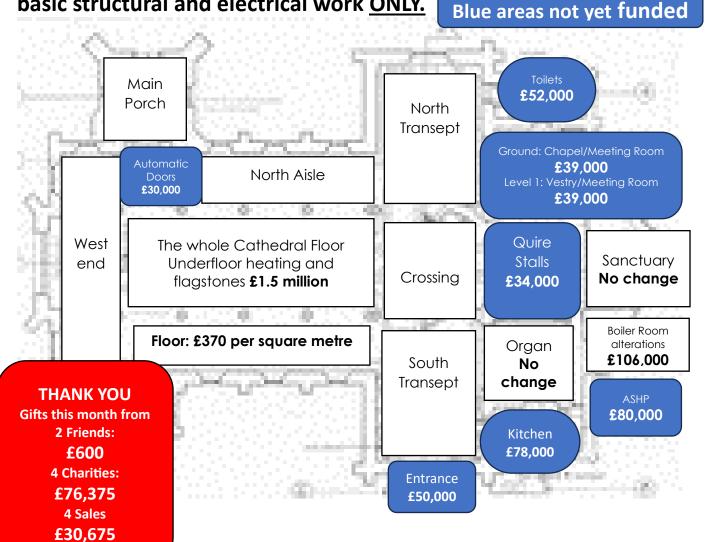
St German's Cathedral:

'Treasuring the Past, Serving the Present, Sustaining the Future'

Phase 1: The Story so far October 2023 ...

... So far we have funding for £1.5m of work i.e. the floor and basic structural and electrical work ONLY.

Blue areas not yet funded



What work has been undertaken since our September Newsletter?

New wiring to be hidden by skirting Board

Building: Wainscoting put back in place

View: From South Aisle towards South Porch

Note

The lower part of the wainscoting that will be hidden behind the skirting boards contains the electrical and audio-visual wiring in separated tracks to avoid interference.

Extras: Replacing damaged boards and areas which had no boards e.g. with the removal of the Altar frontal chest.

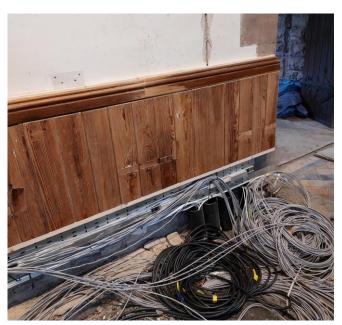


Building: Holes dug outside main door for utility connections

View From outside North Toilet area door

Note

The junction for the toilets underground





Kitchen Area (Former Clergy Vestry)

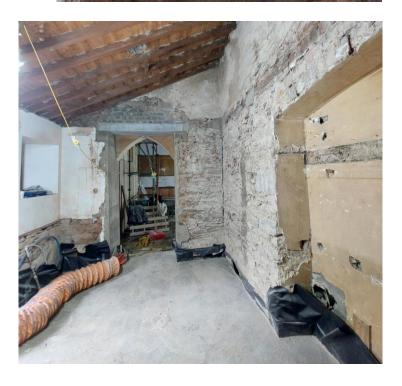
Building: Lintel over new kitchen door from the South Transept. Clergy toilet removed and partition to exterior door removed. New concrete floor laid.

View: From the new kitchen area into the South Transept.

Note

canons Boards viewed through new kitchen doorway. You will recall there was once a toilet in the kitchen area for the clergy

Extras: Removal and treatment of dry rot



The (No name) Portal

The South Transept New Door Opening

Building: Props supporting South Transept Window while new opening created

View: From south garden of the Cathedral

Note: Opening awaiting support

Extras: £2,000 insurance premium to insure against

collapse

Building: South Transept Opening in place with temporary doors

View: From the South Transept looking at the Judgment of Solomon Window above the doorway

Note Damp proof course along side walls. This will enable people using the servery and Big Table Café to spill out into the garden during the summer months.

Extras: While erecting the scaffolding we took the opportunity to undertake a close examination of the window. Conservation work on the Judgment of Solomon window is estimated at £50,000. <u>Not contemplated at this time.</u>

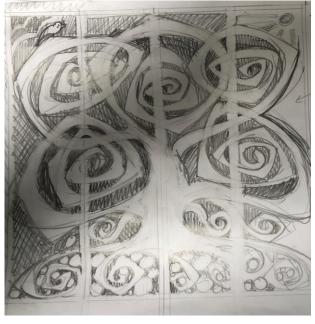
The South Transept 'Garden' Portal

Image: Sketch on the back of an envelope for four etched/stained glass doors and security grilles. The Artist chosen is our immediate neighbour Nicola Dixon who designed the car park screen next to St Peter's Church in the Market place.

Opportunity: Funding for the doorway is not yet in place: The proposal is to put four glass doors and an external grille which are designed as the Tree of Life in a style that reflects the work of Archibald Knox.

Named for Posterity: This is an opportunity for the new doorway to be named by a donor





The Cathedral Floor insulation

Building: Glapor (recycled foamed glass) levelled and compacted

View: Towards the Children's Corner (SW corner of the Cathedral)

Note The new Wainscoting is protected with plastic

Extras: The Wainscoting is new in the west end as some had been removed years ago to make way for the Altar 'frontal Chest'



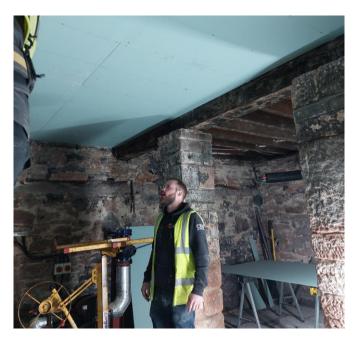
The Cathedral Boiler House

Building: Removal of asbestos by specialists Removal of lath and plaster ceiling and replacement by new double thickness plasterboard ceiling.

View: From the boiler house doorway

Note in the second half of the boiler house ceiling is not yet done

Extras: Removal of Asbestos ceiling £5,000
Removal of lath and plaster ceiling and new ceiling put in place



We are always looking for partners in this development. We have committed ourselves to £1.5m of work. To complete phase 1 we need £2 million i.e. a further £500,000. We are immensely grateful to our benefactors, many of whom wish to remain anonymous.

This space is for those wishing to have their donation recorded in this Newsletter

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