

Chris's Reordering Blog – Week 6 – 10 to 14 July



Following on from last week the first picture shows the glass insulating layer being put in place over the geotextile material.

To the right of the picture you can just see the bags that the glass gravel came in. The gravel is not very heavy and the bags were brought up from the compound on a small rubber tracked dumper truck that just fits through the west door of the Nave. It's amazing just how many bags of gravel are needed to create the 150mm layer.



The next picture is looking towards west door of the Nave with the gravel in position and the next layer of geotextile material in position. In the foreground is the heavy duty net that the heating pipes will be clipped to. The picture below again shows this material place.



There's still a bit of sorting out to do around the vaults and in the Chancel where a concrete base has to be placed ready to take the stone step into the enlarged area of the Sanctuary. Once that's complete then the under-floor heating pipes can be placed in position. Already the pipework is in place going down beneath the Organ Chamber into the cellar below the Vestry. Here the connections can be made to the boiler which is in the Priest's Vestry just above the cellar.

The 120mm (nearly 5") of lime screed above the heating pipes will then be laid and this needs several weeks to dry out before a start can be made on installing the stone floor. The screed transfers the heat from the pipes into the stone floor above. It also allows moisture to disperse reducing the effects of dampness that is always present in ancient buildings.

Whilst I've been hunched over my computer, with mounds of paperwork on the desk beside me, others have been busy beavering away helping to create funds for the Church. This year the Saturday morning produce sale from the Lych-gate has been running since 24 June and we hope will run every Saturday until the 2 September. If you haven't been to buy anything yet why not call in this Saturday. Have a cup of coffee and a chat in the Churchyard while you are there.

I did take some time off to go and enjoy Tom and Anita Harris's 'Family Afternoon' at Higher Yarde Farm on Sunday 9 July, a delightful way to spend an afternoon, with such pleasant hosts in a superb garden, and with perfect weather too. The children were loving the pool!

This is all greatly appreciated, especially since, with the Church closed, our regular funding sources are not giving as much income as in a normal year, and our expenses still have to be met!

Chris Young - 18 July 2017