

Chris's Reordering Blog – Week 20 & 21, 16 to 27 October



Now the floor is complete the joinery work is underway.

This picture shows the Servedy on the right and storage cupboards on the left, joined together by the canopy over the door into the Nave from the Porch. This was all manufactured off site and installed in a very short time.

The doors to the Servedy fold back and there will be quite a lot packed into this small space. There will be a worktop with a sink, above this a microwave, and a water boiler, to provide instant boiling water for tea and coffee, and, under the worktop, a dishwasher as well as storage.

Using some more of the very limited space we have in Church to provide a larger kitchen area would have reduced the space for the congregation at large services, not a sensible step just at the time the population of the Parish is about to expand. To put the Servedy anywhere else would have required a very expensive new drainage system and this just didn't seem to be prudent use of our limited funds.

Our criteria has always been to be able to accommodate 200 people, which was just possible before, but we hope now in rather greater comfort than was the case previously!

There will be a moveable storage and serving unit which will be kept up against the wall and brought out when needed to help provide a little



more useful space. The cupboards will be sealed to protect and bring out the colour of the oak.

This picture shows the oak screen between the Chancel and the Vestry corridor. You can see the solid wood left hand side which will have storage behind and the door and the right hand section which will have obscured glass to provide



additional light into the corridor. There is some oak panelling still to be added above the screen which will cover the existing dark wood beam where there used to be a dark red curtain.

This picture is of the west wall of the South Transept; that's the wall up against the Bell Tower. You can see where one of the memorials has been moved up to allow a new cupboard to be installed underneath. Moving the memorial proved to be rather more difficult than envisaged. It was resting on two metal pins that

had been set some 100mm, (about 4"), into the wall.

Removing these pins, repositioning them higher up, and then holding the memorial in place until the epoxy filler around the pins had set was no easy task but as always, Wrencon's guys were up to the task in hand.

I said last time the pulpit needed to be moved out from the Sanctuary before finishing the work on the floor in this area and I expect it to move this coming week. Also this week the plumbers will be installing the radiators in the Nave and the South Transept.

Completing the floor has taken much longer than expected which means the contract will overrun a little. The original finishing date was 10th November but now it has been set back to the 29th November, which will give us a very tight schedule to have our first Sunday service on 3 December, but let's hope we can still stick to that.

Chris Young, 30th October 2017