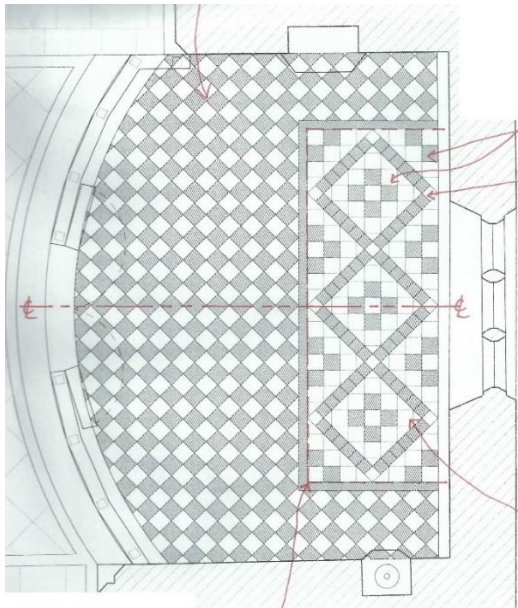


## Chris's Reordering Blog – Week 25 & 26, 20 November to 1 December

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November was the day tiling should have started in the Sanctuary, but the screed had still not dried sufficiently to make a start. The tiler returned on Friday, 1 December, when it had.



He started by setting out the section of Victorian tiles, as in the right-hand section of the plan in the picture, (this is the same picture I used in week 23). He did this away from the Sanctuary in the South Transept.

Once he was confident it all looked right he then started to lay the tiles in the Sanctuary. The tiling will be finished by the middle of next week, then additional radiators will be fitted against the north and south wall in the Sanctuary, (there will be no under-floor heating here).

We are still on target to complete the work in time for the Carol Service on 17

December, but probably only a day or so before at most, so you will have to take us as we are, and accept there are things still to be done to complete the changes in the Church.

Last week Richard Donkersley, the cabinet maker, brought in the infill panel to be fitted into the Reredos at the back of the Sanctuary that he has been working on. This will cover the area where the Altar used to stand up against the Reredos. He needed to check it for size. The picture shows how the Sanctuary looked before it was fitted.

You can see that the decorators had been using the Sanctuary to paint the new cupboards that will be fitted in the Vestry corridor, for the flower arrangers to use.

The picture over the page shows the new panel in place. Richard came in the day before a start was made on tiling the Sanctuary to fit it. As you can see there's still work to be carried out on the skirting on



either side of the centre panel. The existing timber in the Reredos will be cleaned and waxed, as will the pulpit, and this work will start on 11 December.

There are still a few teething problems with the heating system, but overall it is now working well. The boiler is running at a much lower temperature than it was when running the previous, ancient, radiator system, but the



Church is warmer than I ever remember it being. The under-floor heating works like a huge storage radiator allowing a gentle background heat to spread throughout the building. The fan assisted radiators in the Nave, South Transept

and North Aisle are controlled by a separate thermostat which can give an additional heating boost if required. The panel radiators in the toilet, Porch, Vestry and the Sanctuary are also on a separate heating circuit and each is controlled by a thermostatic radiator valve. Once the system is set up it will all operate pretty much automatically, but it will take quite a bit of trial and error to get it set up correctly and running efficiently.



The picture above shows the Altar rail being added. It was designed to be removable to allow the whole of the Chancel to be used on occasions with no barrier between the Sanctuary and the rest of this area.

However, in the end, making it removable made it unstable and a revised design has been agreed between the architect and the joiner which will mean that the rail will be permanently fixed.

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