

Chris's Reordering Blog – Week 13, 28 August to 1 September



Work has now started on laying the stone floor tiles. There was a bit of a delay while the electricians took over virtually the whole site, working at both high and low level. By the end of the week they had pretty much completed their 'first fix'. The picture shows them putting cables in the Chancel ceiling which was the last part to be completed.

They will be coming back in a few weeks' time when the floor is nearer completion. They can then start adding power sockets, light fittings and switches. The new LED lamp units are dimmable so there will be some interesting lighting options for us when the Church reopens.

With the electricians out of the way Wrencon have made a really good start on laying the floor. It's amazing how quickly the flooring is taking shape. The first picture below shows the guys working in the North Aisle and you can see what appears to be a random pattern, but is in fact to a clearly defined layout. You can also see how the tiles bridge over the cable ducts.



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Steve Roadhouse, Wrencon's Site Supervisor, is quite rightly very concerned about protecting the floor as other trades come in to carry out work and he will be

laying plywood boarding over the completed areas. There is still some plastering to be completed and the heating engineers will be back again soon to fit the radiators and make the connections from the underfloor heating into the boiler.

Earlier this week Paul Carter and I started looking at the options available to us for the redecoration of the walls. The ancient walls need to be painted with a traditional hand-made lime-wash paint. A slightly different paint mix will need to be used over the new sections of lime plaster. We compared the existing wall colour with the new floor and some samples of the oak finish of the furniture together with samples of the colours available to us. We have come up with some options and the tender includes an item for Wrencon to prepare some sample panels of these different colours for a final decision to be made. More of this in coming weeks.

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