

Open afternoon and Gift Day
30th August 2015



WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

1. The Chancel

- > All the old and inappropriate paint finish has been removed from the walls, the damaged and defective plaster made good and limewash applied to the wall surfaces other than the stonework in the window reveals which can now be seen and appreciated.
- > The old and damaged brick flooring has been replaced with new floor tiles (pammets) and the brick dais replaced with a larger oak platform. During the course of this work an unknown family vault was discovered and the contents recorded. The plaques on the chancel wall also record those interred in the vault.
- > Wall heaters have been installed which, for the first time in the history of St. Catherine's, will provide heating in this part of the church.

- Sockets have been incorporated into the floor for a new, lightweight, removable altar rail.

2. The Nave and side chapel

- The pews have been removed together with the platforms that they sat on. The floor has been made good and ducting installed for the heating pipe-work.
- The high level radiant heaters have been removed and replaced with wall heaters.
- The walls have been made good where required and repainted with an appropriate finish.
- The organ has been moved from the west end of the church to a position on the south wall which gives the organist a better view and where he/she can feel part of the proceedings.
- The timber doors and doorframes have been repainted.
- The historic church bell has been moved from its previous position by the tomb in the chancel and is now adjacent to the organ and mounted on an plinth.
- The previously blocked up archway in the west wall has been opened up to give access to the new extension. As can be seen it was in need of significant repair.
- The cart wheel that was suspended from the roof beams has been removed to enhance the view of the newly opened ancient arch.

3. The Extension

- The new extension has been built to include a kitchen, two toilets (one with disabled access), and a storage area for additional seating.
- Contained in the extension is the heating and hot water system for the whole building.

- A new external access to the building has been incorporated into the extension. This gives a modern, secure access at all times and the ability to access the toilets directly from the churchyard on fete days etc.

WHAT IS STILL OUTSTANDING?

The delay to the project's program was, in large measure, due to the significant amount of work needed to repair the archway. However there were also issues around getting Anglia Water's agreement to a method of connection to the main drains. With the timetable also running into the school holidays the electrical flooring and plumbing sub-contractors have significant commitments to school based work. The following points give an idea of what remains to be done.

- The de-stratification fans need to be installed in the roof.
- The electrical installation needs to be completed and tested. This includes up-lighters at the opened arch.
- The heating and general plumbing systems need to be completed and tested. Which cannot be done until the drains and gas are installed.

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- The installation of the kitchen and toilet fittings have to be completed.
- The extension flooring has to be laid.
- The church carpet needs to be laid and the new seating installed but this will not be done until the church has been re-roofed (which is planned to start around 21st September and take approx. 10 weeks.

WHERE WILL THE MONEY COME FROM?

We are extremely fortunate that the work so far has been made possible by grants of £207000 from the Veolia North Thames Trust. The Diocese has also provided some money from the sale of the former Rectory. The rest will come from other trusts, from Parish funds and from the generous donations of local people and others who appreciate St. Catherine's and all that the parish does.

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