



Church Fabric Report

St Matt's Church

Renovation

Phase 3 of the St Matt's multi-phase church renovation is in progress. This includes an extension to the church building that will house six toilets and a meeting room that can be used as a parent and baby room on a Sunday morning. It is expected that the project will be completed in the summer.

Maintenance

The Quinquennial Inspection was completed towards the end of 2022. A number of areas were identified as needing work, they were rated on a scale of 1 to 5 and will be addressed based on these priorities. These areas will be used to develop a longer term maintenance schedule.

The issues with the church floor expansion have now been addressed and work has been completed on the parquet flooring and oak trim.

St Matt's Church Hall

The Church Hall kitchen and stage room, now named the Kemp Room, have been renovated. This was possible due to generous donations from the congregation. We do have a leak in the Kemp Room which we believe was already present but was dripping into the cavity wall. Now we have installed windows, the leak comes into the room. This is being addressed.

The whole roof space of the hall is now insulated which is making a marked difference, particularly in the office. We are now exploring options for replacing the gas heaters in the office and hall.

We do have SDF funding remaining to invest further in the hall. As we approach the conclusion of the church extension we will begin plans for these works. Priorities are acoustics, upgrading the toilet facilities and creating more space for kdis groups on a Sunday.

St Sidwell's Chapel

The Community Centre are currently building a Green House on the church yard. The PCC approved this last year and faculty application was granted. The Community Centre hold a license to use the outside space at St Sidwell's.

We are currently exploring a new heating control system to allow us to control the heating of the Sidwella Room and Chapel remotely.