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St Edmund's ceiling repair and redecoration

Update 6

I'm sorry my update has been a bit delayed this week by a flurry of activities and encroaching tiredness closing down the usual Friday night-shift. This week has seen significant progress on the job with the scaffolding coming down carefully over two days at the beginning of the week and the painters completing their work with the decoration of the ceiling under the old organ loft on Thursday. Before they left they did a thorough clean-through of the congregational area, leaving the pews and floors fresh and shiny. The last day of the contract was Friday, so completion was a day early, so long as our Architect agrees during his planned visit next Monday morning that the work is in fact complete and is prepared to write a Certificate to that effect. I attach a few photos of the completed work. Please remember, when you are finally allowed back into church, to look up and see what has happened.

Meanwhile we are continuing with the cleaning and restoration of our building and its contents. Thank you to those who have volunteered for various jobs and in some cases completed them. Following two sessions by Jane Burton on the brassware it is all now looking good including the huge eagle and Jackie & Ken have completed the silverware. Most of the windows are now clean except some high areas left for me to do when someone can foot a ladder for me. Several 'framed' items including the tree certificate and churchyard map have been cleaned and polished and work is in hand to clean and as necessary re-finish several items of loose wooden furniture, candle stands, etc. This task is being shared between Steve Burton & Richard Wood. Gill Flatman has washed the Sanctuary curtains and Richard has cleaned and repaired the tracks ready for re-hanging them. The ladder and stepladder are now secured behind the organ, to leave the lobby clearer as an escape route, for general access, and especially for wheelchair users.

Door furniture will be painted next Monday by Deborah and Richard Flatman & I will clean under the floor gratings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Further dust removal operations will continue in the latter part of this week and into next week. You may have heard of the problems we have had with the drainage from the choir vestry sink. Jill has now excavated outside the choir vestry to investigate the underground drains and discovered a buried and blocked gully. Together we have got it flowing again. It should not be difficult to re-route the wastepipe into the gully and get the sink back in use in time for our re-opening. Would anyone like to volunteer or suggest someone competent at plastic waste plumbing? They will need to be pretty agile to get into the corner of the cupboard, but the job itself should be quite easy. I'm (again) still hoping there is a woodworker out there who would be willing to patch the choir vestry cupboard back panel and that someone could help with high-level window cleaning.

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