

Update number 5- the fifth in our series keeping you informed about your C21st Project Phase 2 and where we are with it now.

What has happened since you were last in the church?

- Porch screens, doors, rear pews and fittings sold and salvaged ✓
- Organ wrapped and some pipes removed to stop dust entering ✓
- Dust barrier built, floors protected and external compound constructed ✓
- Asbestos survey carried out and asbestos plaster removed by specialists ✓
- Rear pew floor boards lifted, new level joists installed & floor boards replaced ✓
- New steel beam inserted, rear wall of church removed and steels added for folding doors ✓
- Tower wall separating the parts of the new kitchen removed and steel beam installed ✓
- New sewer installed through graveyard and basement and water tested ✓
- Old heating system cut, realigned, new pipes added and re commissioned ✓
- Old electricity supply in base of tower capped off & meter removed ✓
- New walls of kitchen, stores and toilet constructed and part lined ✓
- Tower stairs removed, weather proof new ceiling installed plus new floor ✓
- "First fix" electrical cables installed & incoming power needs calculated ✓
- Pipes for foyer heating and water to taps installed and lagged ✓
- Frontage steps, redundant walls and paving removed ✓
- Monthly site meetings held with architect, builder & church ✓
- Meetings held with electrical, plumbing and air handling contractors ✓
- Kitchen surveyed, layout agreed and equipment specified ✓
- Valuations agreed, architect and builder paid - £104,125.80 to date ✓

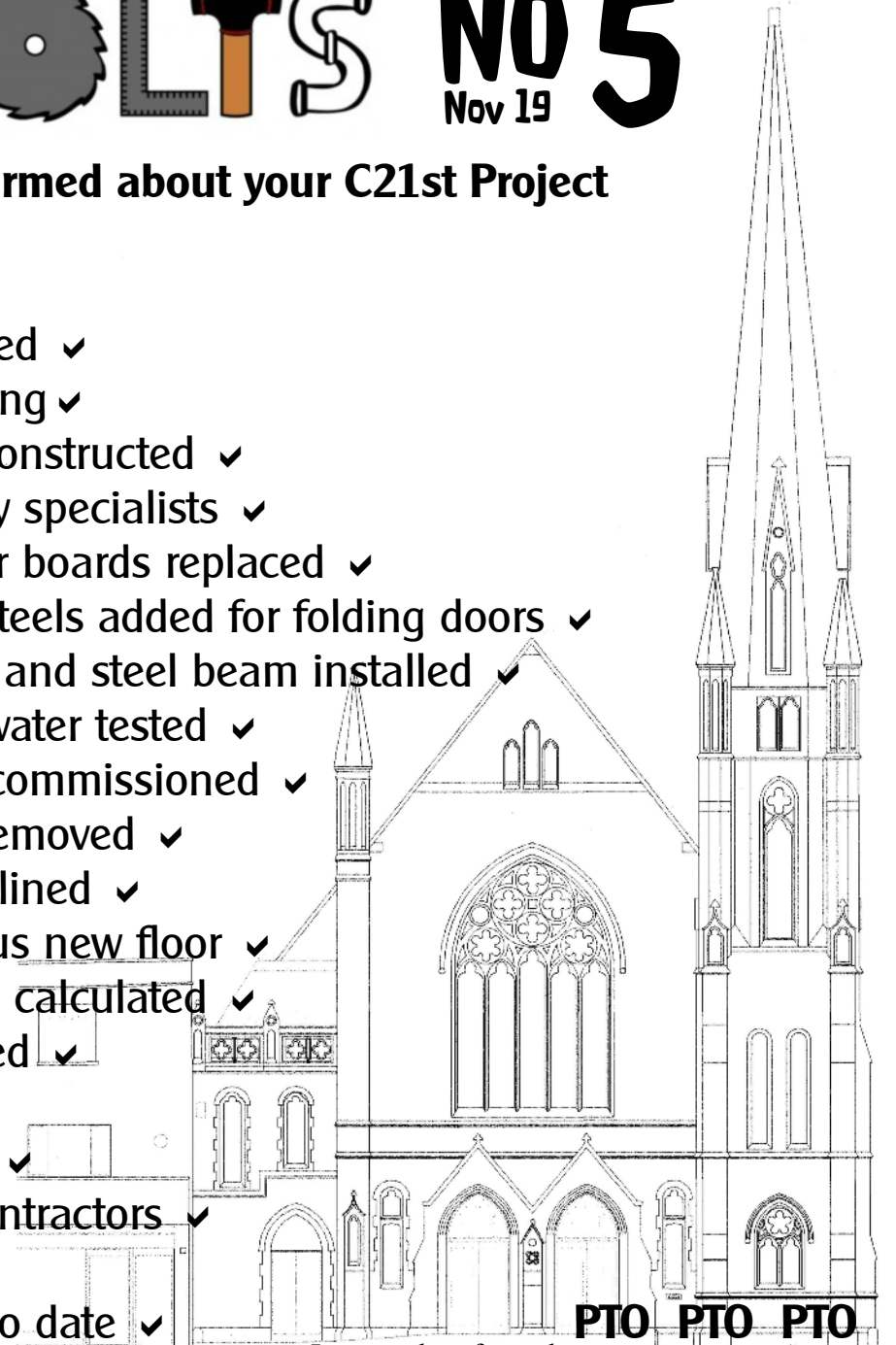


Image taken from the survey

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Sunday services during the building works.

You should now be getting used to services being held in the Wesley Hall - "Church in the Hall". As some members have said, *"I didn't realise how much work goes on behind the scenes to get the Hall ready for Sundays and then put it away afterwards."* Yes, a lot of work does go on but it is not helped when the congregation deliberately ignore how the seats have been laid out and move them around or sit on rows which the Sunday Stewards have reserved for last minute congregation or families. The Sunday Stewards do not do these things to annoy you; they are there to ensure that we comply with Health and Safety and Fire Regulations. So if you are asked to sit in a particular area or you see reserved signs on chairs - please respect those requests.

Project finances

The main building works are still on budget but the £515,000 raised does not include costs we will incur for furniture, crockery etc. To pay for such items the C21st Project Fund Raising has been put back to zero £ and we are now raising money specifically for those items. You will be given more detail about this in the new year once Christmas is over. A number of social events have been organised from January onwards to raise funds and we ask for your support. Please keep personal donations coming in and your donation boxes to Robert Hardy.

Photographic records

Have you looked at the photograph album - available at services - or at the photos on our web site lately? Both of those are kept up to date on a weekly basis so that you can see progress and what is going on behind the hoarding or inside the church.

We live in exciting times for our church - I hope you are excited too?

