

Progress!?

- **New Church Rooms:**

A lot has been happening, mainly behind the scenes. Our architect has drawn up new sketches and these have been discussed with Walsall planners. We hope to have the plans available soon for comment from user groups and church members. We continue to work with the diocese and planners to develop the whole site. We are still aiming to apply for planning permission in June.

- **Church:**

Again, a lot has been happening, some fairly obvious. Tony Phillips has taken over responsibility for church fabric work. Bike stands, new bin area, reconstructed soakaway, improved path, woodwork repairs inside the tower, and new tower ladder are some of the improvements.

- **Stonework Repairs:**

Tenders have been received for the most urgent repairs. We have applied to various trusts for funding, and as soon as this is available, the work can proceed. Other less urgent structural repairs will soon need attention.

- **Organ:**

We await formal notification from the chancellor of the diocese that the organ can be removed, hopefully in a few weeks time. The long awaited drinks area can then be created in the existing kitchen. When funds are available, a new digital organ will be purchased and installed.

- **Funding:**

The very generous individual donation, given ten years ago, has now been spent. Richard will soon be launching an appeal and it will then be the opportunity for everyone to contribute.

Aims for This Year

1. Obtain planning permission for whole site.
2. Obtain faculty to remove organ.
3. Remove organ.
4. Remove kitchen.
5. Install drinks preparation area.
6. Get grants for stonework repairs.
7. Get stonework repaired.

EVERYONE can help achieve these aims!