

St John's Church, Ranmoor

Q and A of ceiling update

20th May 2018

Brian offered to undertake a Q&A session about the ceiling repairs after the morning service. This was attended by approx. 25 people.

The session started by an explanation of where the project is at present. The plaster work should be completed by the end of June. The decoration of the ceiling has been given the go ahead by the diocese. This is important as this prevents us bringing the scaffolding down and putting it back up again in 5 years. We are waiting for quotes and timings for the decoration to be completed.

After the Q and A the church will be open and Brian and Carl will give an accompanied tour to give an opportunity to view the current church building.

- Do we have a date when the church will reopen? We do not have a date as to when the church will reopen.
- Are you approximating 3 more months to open the church?
 - No we are not approximating anything. When we declare the church open we have to move the weddings back. Scaffolding will take at least 2 weeks to come down and then we will need to have it cleaned. Dust will be everywhere. There is no date yet for the church to reopen.
- How many colours are used in the decorative ceiling? Three or four it is believed, there's a green background with browns.
- Will the church be cleaned? The builders will undertake cleaning of the church, including dust and cobwebs that have been evident for many years. The dust is very fine and will need volunteers to complete the job once the scaffold is out.
- What about the organ? The organ was screened off before the work started, are hoping that dust hasn't got into the organ workings. We were told that repairs could cost £40k. We have a second organ and a piano that, should the main organ need attention, be used.
- How much has been raised – can we put this on the news sheet every week to say where we are with funding. – the PCC will consider tomorrow.
- Fundraising letter – there was a statement saying we would probably have to help with the new ceiling? Funders often require 50/50 match funding; at this stage and with no recent experience, we simply don't know what funding we would be expected to contribute.
- 5-year building project plan and fundraising – the PCC are putting together a group of people – if anyone wants to be in this group please advise one of the wardens.
- Fundraising Group– Sarah Beardsmore has been spoken to regarding her input to fundraising.
- Quinquennial Inspection – architect will look at this in 2019 and make recommendations high medium and low works required over the next 5 years. This information can probably be included in any funding bids.

If anyone has any questions who did not attend the session please direct these to either Brian or Carl
churchwardens@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk or to Claire – administrator@stjohnsranmoor.org.uk

Thank you.

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