



January 2017

Dear Friends,

We are soon to commence phase one of the ASPIRE project. Our contractors are due to arrive on site on Monday, 30 Jan, with target completion by Friday, 21 April.

Phase one will include the addition of toilet and flower preparation facilities, a multi-use room and a replacement vestry for the clergy. We will be clearing the current vestries in preparation for the work which will result in a few changes during Sunday services.

#### **CHAIRS AND PEWS**

The Theo chairs are due to be delivered in two batches, the first on Friday, 20 Jan and the second on Friday, 27 Jan. The pews will be removed on Monday, 23 and Tuesday, 24 Jan. If you have reserved a pew, please make sure you collect it on the date agreed with Richard Painter.

#### **BIBLES**

A new mobile Bible trolley is being constructed which will hold 150 Bibles. It may be that members of the congregation might like to bring their own Bibles with them to church or follow Bible readings on their mobile phones. There will always be Bibles available, but it would be good to return to the habit of old. Try it and see if it works for you!

#### **STEPPING STONES**

From Sunday, 22 Jan after the 09:30 and 11:15 services, Stepping Stones will take place in the South Chapel. For Cornerstone at 6.30 it will continue in the North Chapel because refreshments are served in the South Chapel.

#### **CHOIR VESTRY**

The choir vestry is currently being used during services as an “emergency creche”, but from Sunday, 29 Jan it will not be available. Parents are invited to make use of the staffed creche in the Stable.

#### **SILVERWARE AND HOLY COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

Our valuable silverware will temporarily be put into secure storage and the Diocese have loaned us some goblets for Holy Communion. We have sourced some patens to complement the goblets.

#### **PRAYER**

Please give thanks that at long last we have a start date for the first phase of work. Please pray for all those involved in the work on the church during the next twelve weeks. Please pray for David Izod and Roy Marshall who are our principal liaison officers for the main contract.

Yours sincerely,

**Roy Ransley**, Chairman, ASPIRE

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