

St Mary's, Thakeham

Building for the People to the Glory of God

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<https://www.stmarysthakeham.org/category/building-project/>



Sullington & Thakeham with Warminghurst

Same family, Two parishes, Working together.

May/June News

Phase 2 (External Stonework and Extension)

- Walls in the new extension have been plastered and services (up to '1st fix') installed.
- The external retaining wall is finished and groundworks are nearing completion – phew!



Looking at the new extension (left) to the North of the church. The newly completed retaining wall can be seen in front of the extension.



Cliff, our project leader looking at external steps taking shape



Inside the new extension: The beautiful stonework on the right, having been carefully repointed, will be left exposed.



Inside the church, looking towards the chancel with the South Transept on the right.

Phase 3 (internal refurbishment and redecoration) is now continuing apace

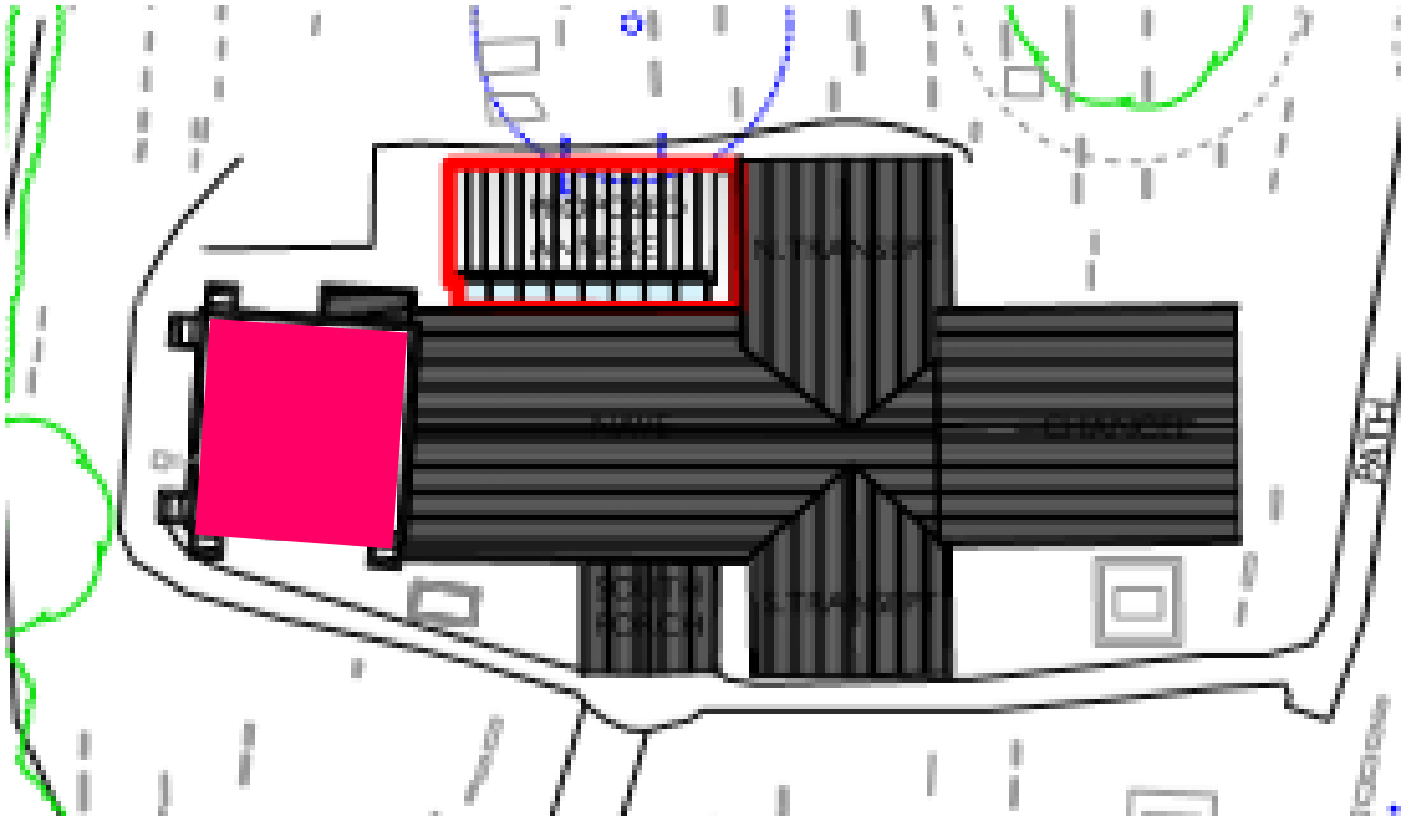
Our builders are wasting no time in getting on with phase 3 and the inside of the church is very much a building site with old, damaged plaster now removed (so walls can dry through the summer) and new services beginning to be installed. We continue to be very pleased with progress made and our builders' proactive approach to any challenges encountered.

We understand some materials are currently difficult to obtain (e.g. concrete). Thankfully, so far this has not impinged on the overall programme as builders are making strenuous efforts to 'shop around' if usual suppliers are unable to deliver.

Not yet funded: Phase 4

This phase has been estimated at around £300,000 to complete. The most costly part of it (approx. 2/3) will be stonework with other external repairs to and repointing of the Tower. Also, inside the Tower dilapidated plaster work is to be removed. A new mezzanine level with a bell ringing area is to be created and installation of a kitchenette at ground level will complete the scheme.

We hope and pray that it will be possible to deliver this final phase of the project soon as it will be much less expensive to do so while builders remain on site.



We continue to give thanks:

For donations, small grants and VAT refunds received, good safety management on site and good progress.

We continue to pray:

- For the successful delivery of the remainder of phase 2 and for phase 3, now in progress.
- For funding of phase 4.
- For protection for the team, their safety and wellbeing.
- Availability of materials when needed.

For safety reasons access to parts of the church yard around the church will still be restricted, however, the restricted area is now much smaller than it was a few weeks ago.

- Symon, our site manager from Monday to Friday between 7.30am and 4pm (07736 550841).
- Cliff, our project leader outside of working hours (07765 530370).

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