

## **Practical arrangements during the Rock project works October 23 – June 24**

After 11 years in the planning, the All Saints Parochial Church Council are delighted to have appointed contractors Ellis and Co. to undertake the Rock project refurbishment works. They will be preparing during October 2023 and commencing operations at All Saints on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for approximately 8 months.

### **Services**

From October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 until completion of the Rock project refurbishment works, public services will take place by Bishop's permission in the All Saints Centre or in the Weston Hub.

- Sunday services will take place in the All Saints Centre.
- Tuesday 10am Services will take place at the Hub.
- Funerals can be arranged at Haycombe Crematorium, with services of thanksgiving in the Centre. Alternatively, Langridge or North Stoke could be used (or any other local parish church).
- Weddings can take place in Langridge or North Stoke or St Nicholas' Kelston can be offered as it is an adjacent parish.
- Interments of Ashes can still take place in the Garden of Remembrance above the Centre.
- Midweek groups will need to take place in the Centre or in the Hub. Please speak to Naomi if you have any questions about these.

### **Parking**

- From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October, everyone is encouraged to walk to church where practicable
- During weekends and evenings after 6pm, up to 8 parking spaces will be available for use in the All Saints Car Park.
- 2 Disabled parking spaces are available at the All Saints Centre
- 3 Disabled car parking spaces are available adjacent to the church as usual
- 3 spaces are available by arrangement in the Rectory driveway
- 20 spaces are available at the Hub, as the Ball court will be opened for additional parking.

### **Access**

- If you have any concerns about disabled access, parking or accessibility to the Centre or the Hub during the works, please speak to Tom Y, Gary or any of the Centre staff.
- The Church building will be out of bounds and sealed off with fencing during the works. All church keys will need to be handed in to the office before Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November.
- Special access will be given to David Shearman to wind up the Church clock each week!
- The Main Gates from the Car park to the church may be closed at times during refurbishment but pedestrian and cycle access will be available through the upper gateway.
- Signage will be put up if Cotswold way walkers need to be redirected at any time

### **Communications with neighbours**

- A joint letter from the Church and Ellis and Co. will be sent out to all our neighbours and those who may be affected by the building works and this will include the phone number of the site manager Steve Dite. There may be temporary road restrictions in Church street and the path from the Church to the Church Centre later in 2023 whilst a trench is dug for the new Electricity Supply but neighbours will get advance warning of the dates and timings.
- Signage will be put up on the outside of the church/fencing explaining what is happening and contact numbers in case of query or emergency.

### **Children's groups on Sundays**

Children's groups will operate as usual on Sunday mornings in the following locations:

- Tumblers Creche (Courtyard Room)
- Explorers (Upper Room)
- Climbers (Garden room)
- Toast (Rectory)

### **Chairs**

- Chairs with arms can be made available for those requiring them for services – pls speak to Tom Y or Gary
- We will have around 60 chairs set up for Sanctuary with stacks available to add further seating for 11am Engage services as required. Additional volunteers are needed to come and assist those unlocking and setting up at 8am and particularly clearing away the chairs at 6.30pm. Please speak to Gary or Tom if you might be willing to commit to one Sunday a month.

### **Church clearance and Pews**

Rosie Coates is coordinating the clearance of the Church and Crypt between October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>, and Peter Ward and Gary will be supervising the clearance of PA and AV equipment. A number of people and organisations have expressed interest in the pews so Rosie is coordinating this and we are hoping they will all be put to good use. Dan King has already done a good job clearing out some of the unwanted items from the Crypt and we have permission to store equipment such as screens, furniture and AV equipment in the Scout Hall during the works.

### **Storage**

The Centre team have worked very hard to provide additional storage capacity in the All Saints Centre, so there will be storage for Tea/Coffee, Hymn books, service leaflets, Communion equipment etc. in the Centre. Please ask Naomi if you have queries on any of this.

### **Audio**

A PA system suitable for use in the centre during the refurbishment will be stored in a cupboard in the Weston Hall. Ali Dagger has kindly offered to come each week to set up, take down and train the sound team to operate this PA. Another smaller PA system is available for use for services in the Hub. Please note there is no hearing loop installed at the Hub.

### **Visuals**

Gary will install a camera and projector, and arrange the HDMI switching unit, Presenter computer on a trolley ready for use in the Centre by 15<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to continue to be able to record talks and stream services as required.

### **Dogs**

Please note only Guide Dogs are allowed in the church Centre due to the requirements of other Centre users.

### **Refreshments**

Tea coffee and refreshments can be offered using the kitchen facilities in the Centre or the Hub.

### **Photographic updates and progress**

We hope to communicate the progress on the project with regular reports and official photographs.

### **Prayers**

Change is always a challenge. Please do look out for each other pastorally and be especially considerate towards those who may find this period inconvenient or unsettling!

Finally, please continue to pray for the Rock project and all involved on site. Please pray for safety, for creativity and excellence that the result will be glorifying to God and be a wonderful resource for the community for generations to come.