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## REFURBISHMENT NEWS

At long last our plans for refurbishing the Ludgate Church building are almost ready to become a reality. After months of planning and waiting our architect, Sandy Ford, is now sure that we should be able to start work on the sanctuary in mid-late February. This will obviously cause a bit of disruption but we are sure it will be worth the trouble in the end.

We will be moving out of the sanctuary into the hall after Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January to allow time for preparation before the contractors begin. Another reason for our early move is that we do not have enough oil for the church heating to last any longer and it would not be good use of our resources to have to buy more oil which would not be used. We are very aware of being good stewards of our resources and would rather use the money on the refurbishment itself.

The architect expects the work to last about 12 weeks so we hope to be back in the church by June. In the meantime we will use the hall for worship and we ask for your patience as we adjust to the new arrangements. All access will be through the 'back' door from Ludgate.

The builders will be setting up a compound in the church grounds for their equipment so for the period of works there can be no car parking in the grounds. There will be space to drop off those who need to get as near the door as possible.

A major part of the refurbishment is the replacement of the pews with comfortable chairs. The cost of chairs is not part of the budget for the work and so we are inviting members to donate the cost of a chair, or whatever you can afford, to contribute to the project in a practical way. We intend to have a 'Chair Sunday' on 18<sup>th</sup> March as a focus for this fundraising and more information will be available in due course.

If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch with the ministers or Session Clerk.

This is an exciting and challenging time for our congregation but we pray that all will now go ahead smoothly and that the refurbished sanctuary will indeed bring glory to God who gives us all that we need to worship and serve him.