

Building Works (At 27/2/18)

At present there are various building works being carried out in the Parish. Both Teignmouth and Shaldon are having structural works undertaken, much of which will not complete until after Easter.

The work in St Ignatius is to clear rooms in the presbytery and church of some of the water and damp ingress and to make good the surrounding décor. By the very nature of the work, drying-out time has to be allowed before the finishes can be applied. It is now planned for the final decoration and finishing to be undertaken starting 20th March.

There are two major projects in hand at present in OLSP church, the recoating of the rainwater goods, and the replacement of the presbytery windows. Both projects were an urgent necessity, the rainwater goods being a fault from the re-ordering project which was creating rapid deterioration of the metal coating. The window replacement is an outstanding issue with the Planning Authority and Historic Churches Commission, whereby the windows which had been installed over previous years were not contemporary with the Listed status of the building and had been installed without consent. In this instance, when an order is made to carry out remedial work there is a strict timetable to adhere to, and we had run out of time. Accordingly, the new windows have been manufactured and are now being installed.

Various smaller works are under way across all three churches. A review of the numerous jobs identified across the parish will be undertaken at the start of the new financial year to schedule what is to be undertaken in the coming year 2018/19, and what is to be carried forward across the five year programme. The programme for next year will be issued in due course.

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