

St George's - Restore: Renew: Rejoice Project - Update 4 - 8th March 2026

All is going to plan with the church improvements and the contractors are actually running about two weeks ahead of programme. Most of the floor has now been excavated down to the level required for receiving the build up of the new floor with the underfloor heating and the new tiles. Seven old grave slabs have been found under the floor dating back to the 1700s. They have all been carefully documented by the archaeologists and will be covered with a membrane to remain beneath the floor. We are discussing with the Primary School and Benenden Girls' School whether they would like to make up time capsules to be buried under the new floor.

Interesting traces have been found in the excavation of burning from the fire of 1672, of a medieval wall and of pillars from the pre-Victorian church. The pictures below show these traces, together with one of the Primary School children visiting the site.

Richard Stubbings

Evidence of the 1672 Fire



Medieval Wall



Pre -Victorian Church Pillar



Photo courtesy of Benenden Primary School



A big thank you to those who have already donated. We still need to raise significant funds to complete Phase 1. Please use the following QR code/ link to donate. No amount is too small; every donation helps Benenden achieve the vision of a community hub and place of worship fit for the 21st Century. Please encourage family and friends to get involved too.



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