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**We are one Church Family in ten different villages,  
sharing God's love as we live our life's journey.**

### **St John's Church, Little Gidding**

We are delighted that the final part of the alterations to St John's Church is finally about to happen.

#### **Accessibility:**

We are to have a stone ramp leading to the West Door of the church, and a wider step at the front of the church to enable people to turn their wheelchairs properly. None of this will alter the Georgian front of the church which people know and love.

The Oratory floor will be made level with the church floor, so that there is no step between the two.

There will be a new door on the west wall of the Oratory, so that we will now have two ways to leave the building.

#### **Heating and lighting in the Oratory:**

As the panelling in the Oratory will be removed temporarily, the builders will take the opportunity to put some insulation between the panels and the walls.

The Oratory will have electricity, heating and lighting, so that it becomes a useable space for one to one conversations and for Quiet Day leaders. It will also have resources for those making a pilgrimage to Little Gidding.

There will be no heating or lighting in St John's Church. There will be some sockets so that the organ and other small electrical items can be plugged in (all must be PAT tested). There is no intention to plug in heaters, as these may overload the system with little effect on the warmth of the worshippers.

#### **The building works will start on January 8<sup>th</sup> and are expected to last until March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

The service on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December to celebrate Nicholas Ferrar was the last service in the church before the alterations (the work had originally been planned to start in November, and therefore we moved or cancelled the December services).

#### **The church will be closed to visitors from early January until the completion of the work and the clearing of the site.**

We expect that the Good Friday pilgrimage, on March 29<sup>th</sup>, will be able to stop in St John's Church, and are planning to hold a Service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday in the church on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11.30 am. You are most welcome to come.

Do contact me if you have any questions.

Yours

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