

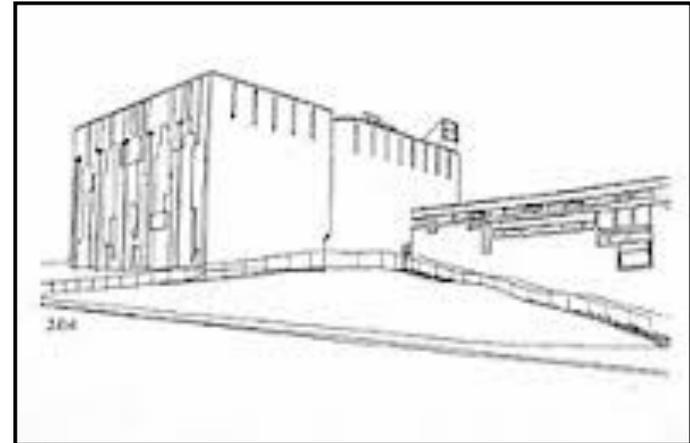
quite poor condition. There are over 200 windows in the church house—a feature of the architectural design. Replacing the windows will be an expensive task. Because this is part of the A-listed building complex, the replacement windows will need to be as similar as possible in material and design to the existing windows. We will be able to install double glazing units so the church house will be better insulated and cheaper to heat. However, although we continue to look for grants to help defray the repair costs, the fact that the church house is a residence precludes many grant bodies from considering it.

Visits to the church Over the latter part of 2019, we continued to receive a groups of visitors to the church, particularly from architectural students, some quite far-travelled. St Bride's enjoys a worldwide reputation as one of the finest examples of mid 20th Century architecture in Scotland. It is also a functional building which continues to be in daily use inspiring the Parish in the role and purpose, the worship of God, for which it was so beautifully designed.

We thank all parishioners for their generous hearts and continued help and support. There is plenty to be thankful for in our wonderful church community, particularly in this current time of stress.

ST BRIDE'S CHURCH

EAST KILBRIDE



FABRIC UPDATE

November 2020

This update provides information about activity relating to the fabric of the church buildings, including Chapel House and the Parish Centre. This is the first update on fabric we have provided since September 2019.

Church - Heating the church would be less of an issue if we could prevent draughts. Although changes to listed buildings are tricky, we have obtained permission to install electric air curtains (hot air blowers) at both external entrance doors (Piazza and Plattthorn Drive) but we are not allowed to use air fans during the pandemic. The leak above the ramp at the back of the church is more of a problem as it is persistent and could damage the ramp. It was reported to the diocese over a year ago now. We have never had a leak there before and tracing its source is difficult.

The sink drainage problem in the utility room of the church has been finally solved.

In front of the Parish Library we had occasional water puddle when it rained a lot. This area has been properly drained and it's not a problem any more.

As you will have seen, we now have dedicated COVID pathways through the church and we are using only one third of the pews to aid social distancing. We have installed sanitiser dispensers and there is a screen in front of the cantor. We have also installed Wi-Fi in the church, which enables us to livestream services on the Parish web-site.

Church Surrounds We have upgraded the external lights with more powerful LEDs which are brighter and also less expensive to run. This is most noticeable in the Piazza and also at the ramp from the Parish Centre to the Plattthorn Drive entrance. We have also ordered a narrow beam LED floodlight which will sit on the roof of the Parish Centre and light up our Cross at night. The walls from the church house car park along Plattthorn Drive to the hall and the walls at the side of the ramp were both power-washed.

Whitemoss Avenue After about three years, we have managed to get repairs carried out on the supporting wall at the bottom of the Whitemoss

Avenue steps. The wall was damaged by subsidence. Repair work included a new drainage system to prevent the recurrence of the subsidence.

Parish Centre and Surrounds There is now a wooden barrier enclosing the grounds so the car park can be closed off. The gutters on the Parish Centre have been completely cleared and some leaks sealed with mastic. There was also a leak to the left of the 'altar area'. We made a repair to this last summer. It turned out that the water was driven by wind through the brick and mortar work to the interior of the hall. We are going to make some additional necessary repairs soon.

The roof is made of steel. There were some patches of rust which were cleaned and repainted grey. At some point, we will need to repaint the entire roof as there are small dots of rust everywhere. The wall at the entrance has been power-washed and painted. The interior of the building has been given a deep clean. All the interior walls and doors have been completely re-painted. The dance floor has been sanded and varnished a number of times. This is the first time the floor has been attended to since the hall opened over 20 years ago. We are looking to install new LED overhead lighting in the main hall and to upgrade the lighting in the corridor. We installed new led ceiling panels in the small room and the cloak room. We are investigating the possibility of replacing the radiators in the Hall with more efficient modern radiators. We refurbished the cloakroom but need to get the radiator fixed there also. A new shelf will be made for the cloakroom.

The tarmac layer on our parish car park is not of very good quality. About a year ago we had to fix the tarmac surface patching holes with cold macadam and securing it. In the future we will have to put a new layer of tarmac on the entire surface of the parish car park.

Many thanks are due to our Hall Manager, Danny Martin for the amount of work he has undertaken and the quality of this work.

Chapel House 11 old radiators were exchanged for more modern versions. A number of lamps were exchanged for brighter LED lights which are also longer lasting and cheaper to run. The boiler which heats the radiators and hot water supply was serviced. The roof which is the original roof remains the biggest problem as it is old and subject to leaks. The fabric covering should ideally be replaced. The windows in the church house are also in