

***Brunswick UC***

***The Renewal***

***Process***







# *The Timeline*

**March 2005** - The South West Brunswick and St. Andrew's Uniting Church congregations merged to become the Brunswick Uniting Church

**May 2005** - Began process of discernment and visioning with Randall Lindstrom, which led to the "5 Concept Statements" document (incorporating Values, Treasures and Needs)

**July 2006** - Congregation adopted "Concept Plan"  
for whole site

**2006-2007** - Lots of work on design, costings, and  
financing questions

**February 2008** - Scope of work and estimated  
costing took shape

**November 2008** - Congregation approved broad  
scope of works and funding model

**2009** - Further revisions of scope/design, negotiations for heritage and planning permits, and detailed drawings/documentation

**March 2010** - Signed contract with Leeda

**April 2010** - Works commenced on the hall

**May 2010** - Pipe organ removed, works on the hall completed, congregation began worshipping in the hall, works commenced in the Olive Way and Worship space

**June 2010** - Pews & flooring removed, excavation of outside commenced

**July 2010** - Roof reinstated on Olive Way, work on new entrance & garden beds commenced

**August 2010** - Stain glass windows returned, work on AV system & paving commenced

**September 2010** - Carpets laid, pews & flooring completed in worship space

**26<sup>th</sup> September** - Returned to the Worship Space, Olive Way reopened

**October 2010** - Work on the ramp almost completed,  
lots of finishing touches

**27<sup>th</sup> October** - Final Site meeting

**30<sup>th</sup> October** - Planting Bee

**November 2010** - Project substantially completed

**Still to come** - New signage, including recognition of  
Wurundjeri people, correction of some minor  
defects

# **Renewal Process Concepts**

**We gather for worship**

**We welcome all**

**We care for our congregation**

**We care for others**

**We reflect and envisage**



**Shawn**



**Kirsty**



**Ray**



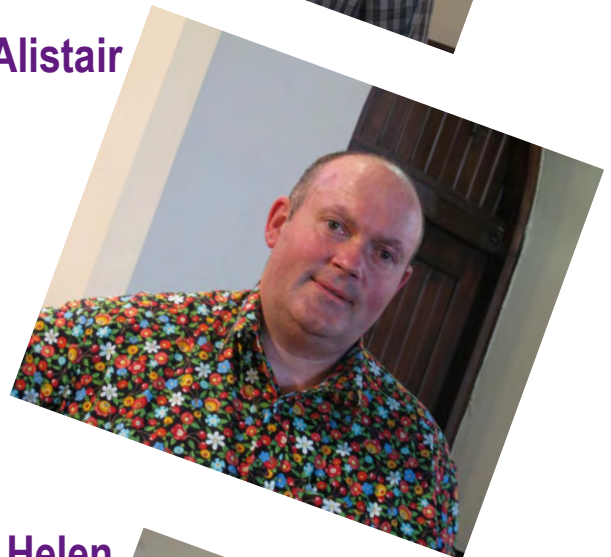
**Stephen**



**Glenice**



**Alistair**



**Mark**



**Helen**



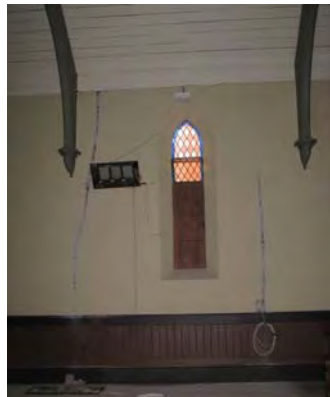
# **Renewal Committee**



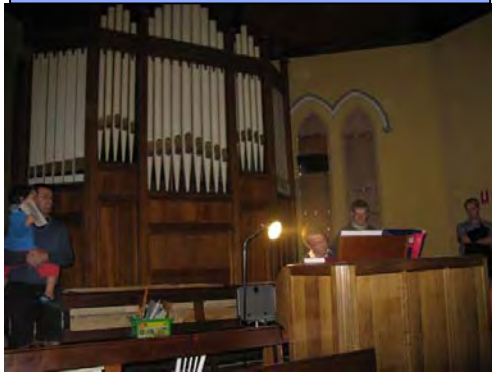
# May News



Farewell to the Organ - making way for a new gathering space and entry to the worship space.



The Hall - Work began in April including: rewiring of lights & heaters, Installation of framework for the operable wall, a new entry into the Olive Way, preparations for a fresh coat of paint.



# June News



Removing the Pipe Organ



The Building Project started in April and continued into May with work on the hall and in particular the installation of the Operable Wall. The new coat of paint looks just fantastic!! While this was happening the pipe organ was removed. It was quite a sight seeing pieces of the organ spread all over the worship space.



West view



East View



Glass above the Operable Wall

The Hall





Final Sermon



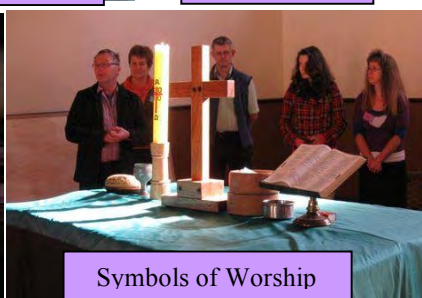
The Cross



The Candle



Gathered in the hall

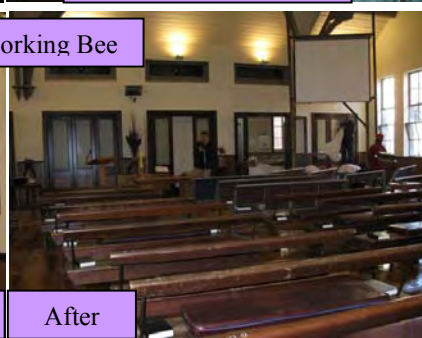


Symbols of Worship



The Working Bee

Before



After



The Worship Space

Before



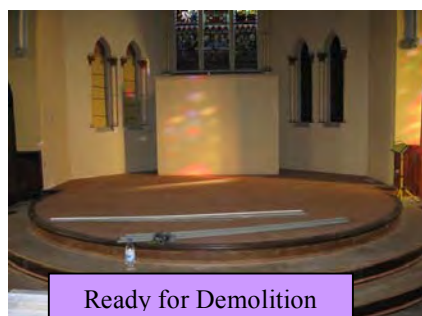
Demolition



Demolition



Chaos



Ready for Demolition



The Olive Way

On **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May** we participated in a transition liturgy at the end of worship. The whole congregation followed a procession of the symbols of worship from the worship space and into the not quite finished hall. Once gathered in the hall Ray then reverently and deliberately placed each of the symbols of worship on a covered work bench, each action was accompanied by words which reminded us of what the symbols mean and who we are as a people of God.

The builders wasted no time in the process of 'gutting' the church in the following week. The Olive Way was moved into the west end of the hall during the week and on Saturday 22nd May a hard working group of people gathered to move the last remaining pieces of furniture, music & sound equipment and other assorted bits & pieces from the worship space and into the hall. We then set up the hall ready for worship on Pentecost Sunday.

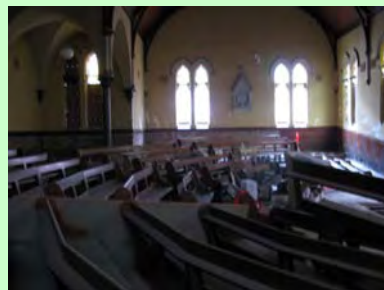
During the building works we have enjoyed Morning Tea on the lawn. Many people have commented on the difference in the way we gather, talk and interact on the lawn compared to being inside the hall. We hope to continue sharing morning tea in the garden as long as the weather allows.



# July News



Olive Way - removal of the roof over the Olive Way & preparations for the new extended roof, the Olive Way settling into the temporary space at the west end of the hall.



Worship Space - removal of pews and old flooring, installment of flooring & preparations for painting, installation of wiring for the two screens.

Last Sunday the Renewal committee met to discuss carpet colours and other exciting matters. The stain glass windows are almost ready for installation, a process that will take a month to complete.



Hall - working out how the heating & lighting currently works in the hall (to be

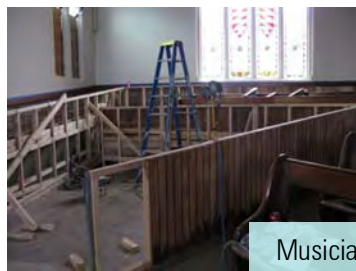
completed when there is a roof over the Olive Way), completion of the Operable Wall, flooding into the hall (unfortunately) during a particularly heavy downpour.

Exterior - excavation around the outside of the site including lifting up the bluestone, delivery of a large storage container, preparations for the footings for the new entrance, a real estate board is also up to let people know we are still open for worship.





# August News



Musician's Pit



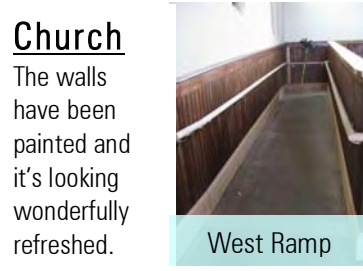
North end



South End



East Ramp



West Ramp

## Church

The walls have been painted and it's looking wonderfully refreshed.

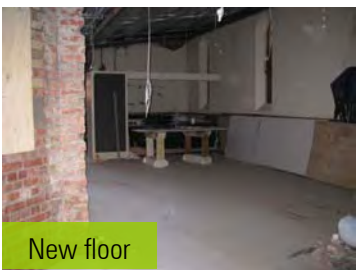
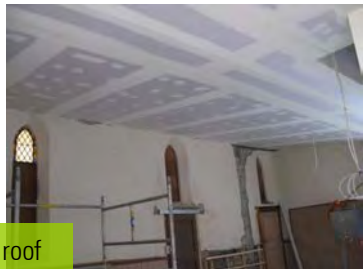


## Entrance

Preparation of the steps & ramp to the new entrance are almost complete. It's looking good.



New roof



New floor



New doors



## Garden Beds

New garden beds will be completed ready for us to do the planting.



Switch

## Olive Way

The extended & more open space will allow for improved use of the whole area.

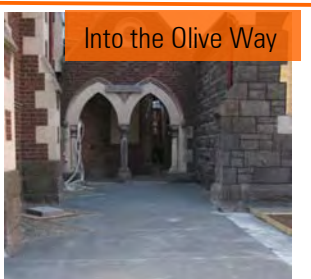
Expected completion date for the Building Works will be early September.

## Walkways

New paths & a roof are making entrances safer & look great.



Between Church, Olive Way & Hall



Into the Olive Way



Into the Hall



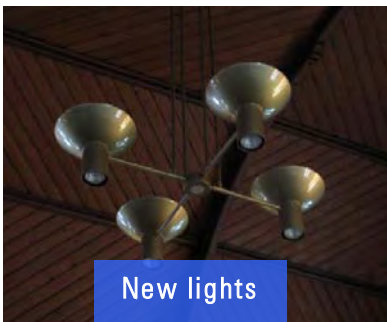


# September News

## Inside the church



Installing new screens



New lights



Stain glass windows are back



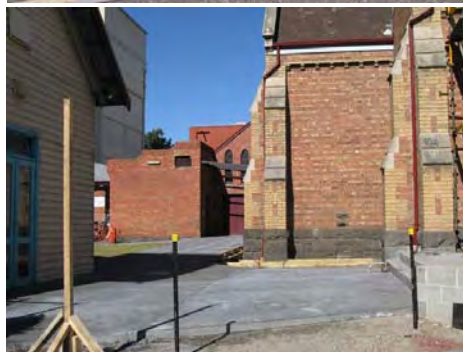
## The new entrance



Week by week from inside and outside the new entrance is taking shape ready to let in abundant light



## Outside the church



Steps, a ramp, paving and garden beds are all well underway making the area safe & attractive





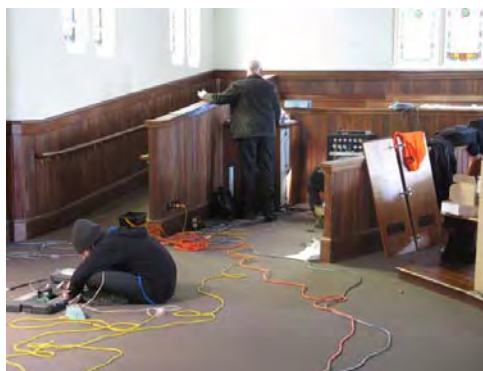
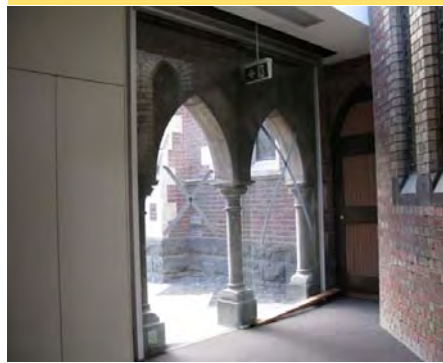
# October News



Olive Way - Entrances almost ready for use.



Worship Space - Pews refurbished, flooring polished, carpet laid, AV system installed, cross returned.

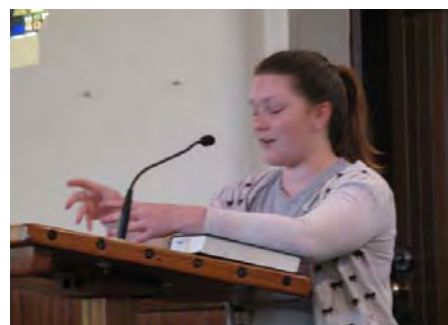




# Return to the Worship Space



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September was a joyous occasion as we gathered for worship in the hall one last time and moved with the symbols back to the worship space. We celebrated the baptism of Amanda and confirmation of Amanda, Paddy, David and Matthew. We gathered in a circle around the worship space to celebrate Holy Communion.

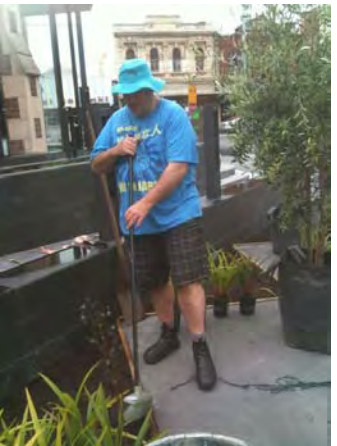
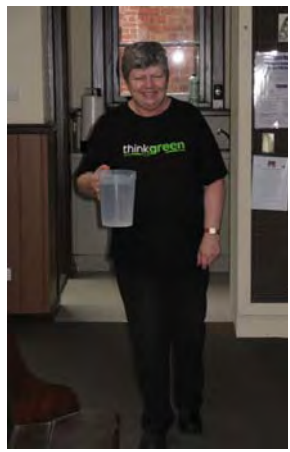




# Working Bee

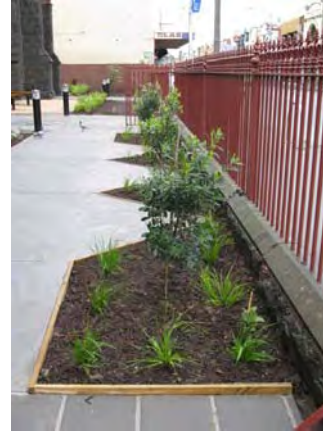


Planting - On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October we planted almost 600 plants in 4 hours. Everyone had a great time and we finished as the rain began to fall.





# Our Gardens

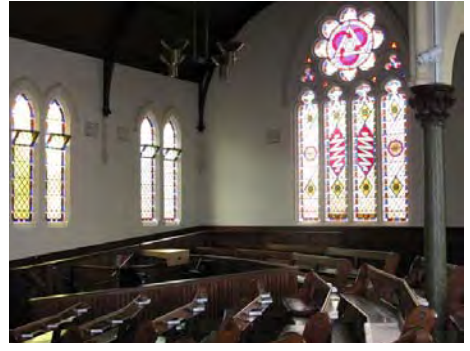




# November News



Worship Space



Entrances, Ramps & Walkways



Final Site Meeting: Johnny & Michael (Leeda), Jason & Donna (pmdl), Kirsty (BUC)

