



Shrine Church of Ss Peter & Paul and St Philomena

Final touch on the Dome of Home restoration: the painting!

Dear friends and benefactors,

The final restoration of Ss PPP Church roofs began 29th June 2020, for a project worth £556,500, thanks to generous grants by National Lottery and All Churches Trust. This work includes main sanctuary roof and interior walls, some concrete repairs including the exterior cornices of the drum, and refurbishment of associated windows. The work is scheduled to last 6 months and should be completed around February 2021. At the end of this phase, the structure of the church will be sound, and the building watertight.

External scaffold around the drum allowed internal access where the architect discovered an original church wall colour of a 'duck-egg' shade. We commissioned a professional paint analysis to determine exact shades present in various locations and chemical composition of the paints so that any repainting would be compatible.



The original colour found under the orange coat of paint

A design by our architect, informed by the paint analysis using original colours would complement the beautiful sanctuary marble. Any repainting of the main sanctuary, drum and internal dome (cupola) will need extensive scaffolding. It seems sensible to take advantage of the current scaffolding for this project, building more scaffold to access the highest barrel and cupola. This would mean substantial savings in scaffolding costs, but unfortunately, additional scaffolding is not cheap!

These supplementary costs are not covered in the original project for structural defects, funded by our National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant. As you can see by the costs overleaf, we have raised some funding to enable us to repaint the main sanctuary, dome and drum, but not all the church. It will look odd, until we have enough money to complete the rest. This is why, once again, we would like to beg for your prayers and help, to finish the work already done, and restore our beloved church aesthetically, for the glory of God.

No doubt, Our Lord will consider and reward you and your family, as you take care of His house.

With the assurance of our prayers,



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Brown acoustic tiles on Pendentives and barrel roof to be spray painted

Orange arches to be changed to original colour scheme

Walls (currently « magnolia »)

Project for the new scheme of colours: a camaïeu based on a “duck-egg” shades (variations on pale blue)

Cost for this project
excluding VAT

Additional Scaffolds

- Extension of the actual scaffolds for the sanctuary & dome: £ 34,600
- Mobile scaffold for the rest of the nave and side chapels: £ 30,000

Painting (Ceilings & Walls)

- Sanctuary & dome £ 40,000
- Rest of the Church £ 80,000

Professional fees (13 %) £ 24,000

Total £ 208,600

Already funded £ 75,000

Total needed £ 133,600



Thank you very much for your help!

The Dome of Home is supported by

