

## De..rigged and Re..vealed!

If you have ever watched a Cape Canaveral space launch, can you recall that countdown moment, when the supporting gantry and platforms fall away and the splendour of the rocket is revealed? So it has been at the site today (Friday), as all the outer camouflage (scaffolding and walkways) was taken away and we could finally gaze at the splendour of the new building. Next week, we will see the horizontal cladding go up in place on the centre, one third section—light brown wood will become aluminium “winter sky”!



Three Friday “scaffold-free” pictures for your delectation. Left: A rear three quarter view from the side lane - sorry this shot doesn’t really convey how good the bathstone blocks look. Central: Our double doors are wide open and rain protected. Right: At the rear of the foyer/ social space, the stud wall and door into the church administration office are now in place.

## “CU” Later—Journey to the centre of the earth.

With the external scaffolding cleared out of the way, our good friends from M&M Groundworks were immediately back on site to set the side and back pathway in place. However, before all the paving slabs could be laid, specialists arrived to install the essential earthing rods. In a previous bulletin, we saw the aluminium earthing strips clamped to the metal roof edges and then run right down the walls to ground level. At the ground, the earthing strip becomes more costly copper (CU), which is then set into the ground and connected to a vertically inserted copper rod. The rod goes down to a surprising 10 metre depth, using five individual two metre threaded pieces.

