

THE GROUPED PARISHES OF SANDFORD AND ST PHILIP'S MILLTOWN

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St Philip's Parochial Hall Restoration Project

St Philip's Select Vestry wish to inform you that St Philip's Parish Hall on Temple Road is in need of essential restoration works. The Hall forms a very important and integral resource for both our parish and the wider community and is in regular use for a number of educational and social activities. These include Scouts, Early Learning groups, Rugby Tots, Ballet and Irish Dancing classes, Art Exhibitions, children's parties, along with fundraising and social events.

The history of the Hall is interesting. It was designed by Sir Thomas Drew, architect of Rathmines Town Hall, built by Lewis Moore at a cost of £420 and opened on 18 March 1883. Unusually for its time, the building is constructed of concrete. It is faced in red brick and has a slate roof, terracotta ornamental roof finials and a large tracery window to the north facing gable. Since 1883, it has remained largely unchanged and although the structure remains solid, in recent years the roof, brickwork and windows have suffered.

As a protected structure, St Philip's Select Vestry has a responsibility to maintain the building, and is keen to future proof it in order that generations to come may continue to have use of and enjoy it. The proposed works will not in any manner change the character of the Hall or extend its footprint. In fact, our aim is to ensure that following restoration, the Hall looks almost just as it did when built.

As a protected structure, planning permission is required and application notices will be erected soon in the normal way. While the planning application will include all of the works which *may* be necessary, for now St Philip's Select Vestry, which has to fund this work (at a potential cost of €420,000), is planning to proceed with the first stage only. This will include the refurbishment and insulation of the roof and the refurbishment of the windows (at a cost to the parish of €155,000), these being the most urgent items.

It is the hope of the Select Vestry, subject to planning permission and funding, that the works will commence during the summer of 2022. Our Parish website has a section <https://sandford.dublin.anglican.org/st-philips-hall-development-committee-updates/> in which we will post progress as and when relevant.

St Philip's Hall Development Committee, on behalf of St Philip's Select Vestry

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