

St Andrew's Newlands - Building Project Update

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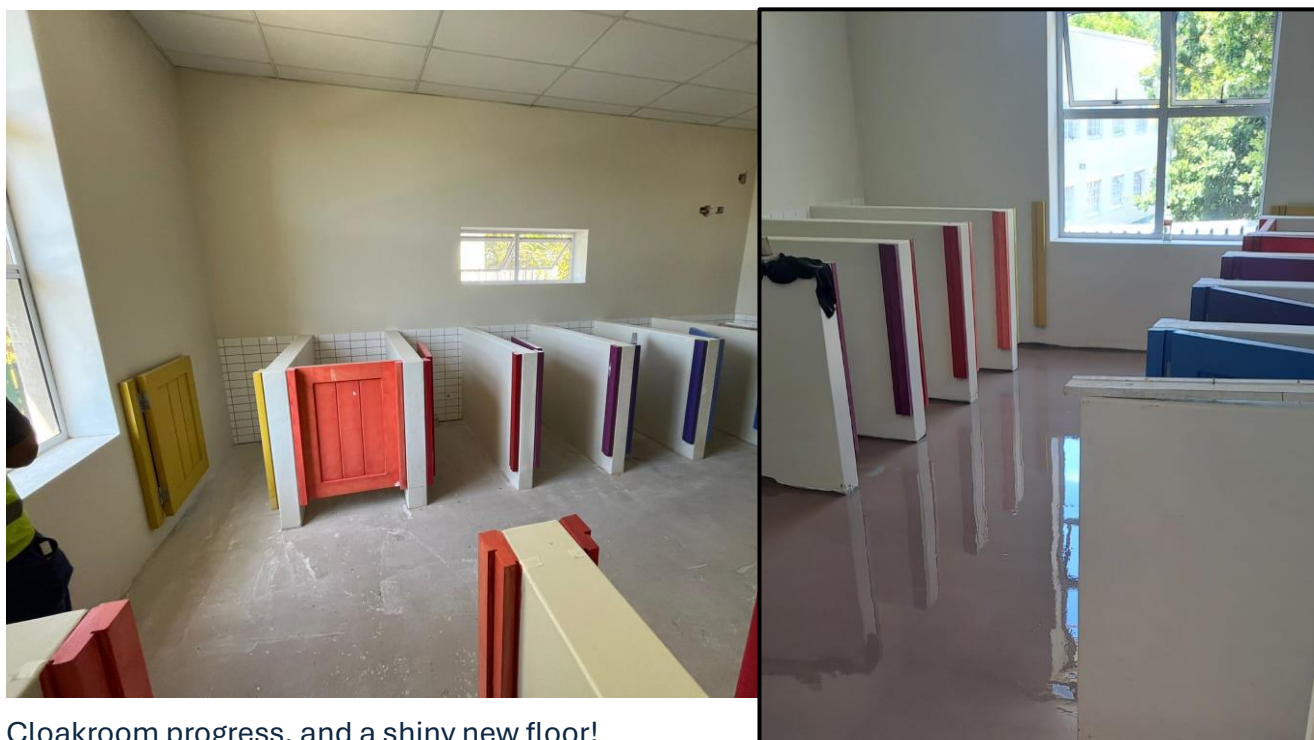
Dear Parish and Newlands Family,

As we celebrate **130 years of St Andrew's on this site**, we're delighted to share the latest update on our exciting building project!

The progress has been nothing short of superb, and we're eager to see how this development will begin serving our Parish, Kildare Pre-Primary, and the wider Newlands community—a blessing for our and future generations.

Phase 1a: Nearing Completion!

We're thrilled to report that **Phase 1a** is on track for completion by **Friday, 13 December**, just in time for the builders' holiday. This phase has involved transforming the hall into **two modern classrooms and a toilet block** (catering to both children and adults). A special thanks to the **Bambana team** for their outstanding work and for building strong, professional relationships with school staff and parents.



Cloakroom progress, and a shiny new floor!

What's Next?

Phase 1b begins on **Monday, 6 January 2025**, focusing on converting the top two school classrooms into a modern **admin, staff, and storage space**. This phase also includes demolishing the current school storeroom and removing some roofing. You'll see more activity from the parking area during this time, though the **site office and storage will remain in their current corner**. Completion is scheduled for **Friday, 21 February 2025**.

Phase 2 will follow immediately after, focusing on the **demolition of the existing toilet block and school entrance area**. This will prepare the site for our **new hall and upgraded facilities**. During this phase, the site office will shift to the courtyard. However, access to the parish office, vestry, and rectory will remain as it is, despite nearby construction activity.

Looking Ahead

The entire project remains on schedule, with completion planned for **24 October 2025**.

Fundraising efforts are ongoing, and we're so grateful for the recent generous contributions and commitments. Every bit helps bring this transformative vision to life!

A Heartfelt Thank You

We deeply appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate the inevitable disruptions to normal activities. Your support, cooperation, and prayers are the foundation of this journey.

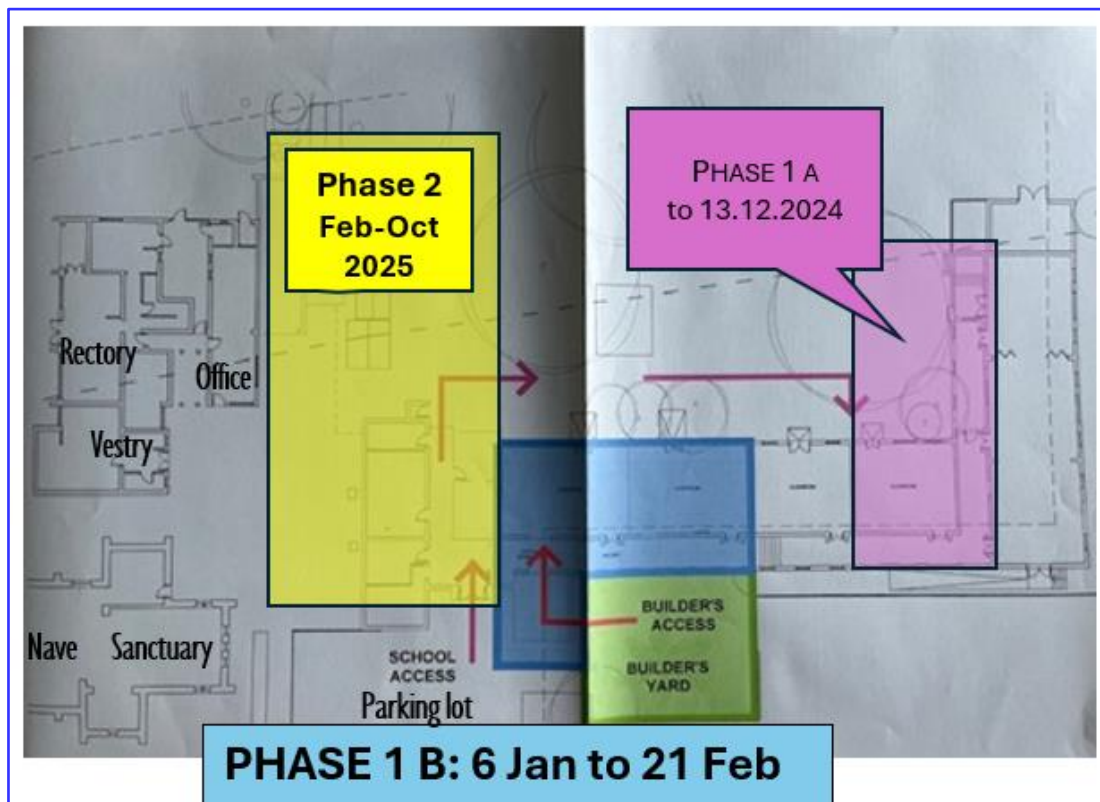
Together, we're building something extraordinary - spaces that will nurture **worship, education, and community** for many years to come.

Finally, here's an inspiring message from our Rector, **Ven Mkhusele Lujabe**, at the recent Vox concert:

"... as in any birthday celebration, if you would like to give towards our church, we would appreciate your gifts. You would have been met by a building site as you arrived. We are busy renewing and renovating our School, which has served this community for many generations. Later, we will build a world-class facility—a hall for the use and upliftment of this church and the entire Newlands community. It is a lifetime legacy, and it is a R16 million project, R13 million of which has already been raised. Your generosity towards our R3 million shortfall will be appreciated. More importantly, it will be your contribution to the lasting legacy of this Parish."

Blessings,

Mkhusele, Rob, and the Building Committee Team



An illustration with overlays on the architect's plan to show the campus and Phases of construction