



Revitalisation Project Update 10 October 2025

Dear St Michael's Community,

The hoarding is up, and it is very exciting to see that the St Michael's Uniting Church Revitalisation Project is well and truly under way.

The church lower auditorium interior is being stripped as we prepare to rebuild; the carpets have been pulled up from the upper section of the lower auditorium through to the top level of the chancel/stage, and the toilet amenities have been stripped in preparation for the demolition of the walls.

A surprise find reminds us that this isn't the first time the church has had a renovation.

The removal of the carpet has exposed early timber flooring and linoleum/vinyl in the aisle paths with detailed borders. We have also found imprints from previous pew layouts and the early location of the recess for the organ console.

There has been a lot of change to the church interior over the years, including a major restoration in 1978. This included the addition of the centre aisle in the lower auditorium, the regrading of the diagonal aisles, recarpeting of the whole church, the addition of new pews and the relocation of the organ console.

And now, over 47 years later, we are embarking on a new project that reflects our current community values and mission; to create a space that is accessible, compassionate and inclusive. A place where anyone is welcome to worship and visit.

It's taken time to get here, but we are thrilled to show our community the progress of this project.

Auditorium

The auditorium carpets have been removed exposing early timber flooring and lino/vinyl aisle paths. The imprint of the earlier pews can be seen. Note the absence of the centre aisle to the lower auditorium.



Flooring stripped out to upper section of the lower auditorium.



Early linoleum/vinyl aisle runner with detailed border

Stage

Carpets and top level of stage have been removed exposing the early location of the recess for the organ console. This can be seen in the centre of the stage with the earlier carpets either side.



The early location of the recess for the organ console can be seen in the centre of the stage.



St Michael's Uniting Church c 1958.
Note, the centred organ console.

Toilet Amenities

Toilet amenities have been stripped in preparation for demolition of walls.

