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Dear

I am contacting you to update you about our Project Rutherford as, at our launch, you very kindly signed up to support the work. I apologise for not contacting you before but assure you we have not been idle.

If you have been past the church you will appreciate that the renovation of the spire and tower are well underway. This was slightly delayed by the scaffolders contracting COVID, however Bakers are now working hard, removing all the shingles from the spire and old mortar from the tower.

We finally received permission from the Victorian Society and Historic England to remove the four back pews in church to enable a permanent exhibition space, and this is now with the DAC awaiting their decision. Nevertheless, the design for the display area is well underway and a significant amount of material collated with which to populate it, so hopefully this will be forwarded in the autumn. We aim to sell three of the pews to cover the cost of removing them and making good the floor area, so please put the word about – offers above £300 each are welcomed.

From the beginning of July we started to open the church on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, 09.30-12.30. As the exhibition is not yet up and running, I have not contacted you about joining the rota for this; however, if you still feel able to assist with church sitting please do let me know as we would value more people helping maintain this.

The conservation of the fresco is due to start in October and we are hoping to recommence the *People and Stone* talks in October, with a number of new topics organised, so look out for the adverts for these.

Thank you for your continued interest in this important project.

With warmest wishes

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