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Saturday 18 February 2023



Photo courtesy of Watts and Hughes Construction, the builders across the road.

Surviving the St Valentine's Storm

Wind gusts during the St Valentine's Day storm generally exceeded the plastic scaffolding wrap's "blow out" threshold of 90km/hr. We were therefore anxious that we might lose our protective covering. Thankfully, however, the church's location lived up to the City Council's designation of our area as a low-wind zone, and the cover remained intact, except for bits of running repair that were needed in a few minor cases. To ensure staff safety the site was closed for two weekdays, which delayed progress.

The plywood tile-substrate on the east wings and east side of the main roof has now been completed and is ready for the roofers. The roof tiles are onsite, and the roofers have finished cladding the complex valley lying between the double gable of the east wing office and the kitchen. The western wings and the west side of the main roof structure are ready to be clad in plywood.

The roofer is now three weeks behind plan. Overall, we seem to be about 6-8 weeks behind what was estimated when we started back at beginning of October last year. Completion is now projected to be at the end of April or early in May. Please pray for an Indian summer.

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