



Restoration Update
St Paul's Church, Mill Hill
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The Church That Wilberforce Built

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St Paul's is now entering the final months of the build. The project, which began in earnest in 2005, has involved a committed team of architects, quantity surveyors, contractors and supporters, without whom the project would not have been possible. Great thanks go to all those involved. There are, however, still challenges ahead. Fundraising is still a priority as is the development of our new programme of activities and services.

In terms of our reopening schedule, services will recommence in church in February (date to be confirmed). The crypt will be completed a few months later. As part of the reopening, on December 9th 2007, the church welcomed the Rt Rev Peter Wheatley, Bishop of Edmonton to a dedication service at the new Wilberforce Chapel in the crypt. The Rev Jonathan Shaw and Rev Jan Lowe (St Paul's) were joined by members of the congregation and Andrew Dismore, MP for Hendon, for the ceremony.

It was particularly important that the ceremony took place in 2007 as it was the bicentenary of Wilberforce's act of parliament to abolish the slave trade. A plaque was unveiled and this will be on display when the church is officially opened on 8th June 2008.
