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### St John's day 2004

With a couple of wind chests removed, it is possible to work on the wall behind the organ, which has deteriorated over the years, due to water ingress through the windows whose leading has perished. The original 1890s wall plaster has to be replaced, and two of the panels of the window removed to be re-leaded.

### 15th August 2004

Missing from this picture?

A bewildering spaghetti junction of wiring.

It has taken a couple of months work to re-site the distribution boards for the main electricity supply of the church, whose mains cable used to pass through the wall near the foot of the ladder in the picture opposite. The church was gas-lit when the organ was installed. The original church electricity supply distribution board was sited within the organ frame when organ blowing was electrified - posing for us a potential safety threat for the restored instrument.

Note the newly re-plastered wall - from which old gas piping, long redundant, had to be removed along with the mains electricity conduit - now moved six feet to the left, where the new state-of-the-art electricity distribution board has been located.



The new electricity distribution boards, and light switches for the chancel area. Power cables to boards in other parts of the church are being routed through a conduit underneath the woodblock floor.

When this was taken up to create a channel for the conduit, it was found that the wood blocks rest upon a six inch layer of mortar, which was laid in the late 1880s to cover grave stones set into the floor of this aisle.

On one of the stones revealed it is possible to read the word 'Alderman' inscribed upon it, reflecting the name given to this part of the church on old layout plans: viz: 'the Alderman's aisle'. Not only were the Mayor and Corporation given seats of honour in this aisle, alongside the chancel prior to the 1880 restoration of the church, but some of them were eventually buried beneath its floor.