

ST JOHN'S WILLIS ORGAN RESTORATION 2004-5

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The three keyboards, and connecting rods for all the various organ stops are seen here, all linked up and ready to command musical sounds again.



Plenty of work still to be done to prepare all the connections for the installation of the pedal board, currently being renovated. (Feb 2005)



Here we see the outer rank of large wooden pipes stacked and awaiting re-installment.

Note - the red vacuum cleaner on the floor - it is an indispensable tool for ensuring that each single component is dirt-free before returning to its proper place. Over decades, dust is one of the major causes of organ wear and tear.

Many more ranks of pipes have still to be replaced, deep in the interior of the organ, once the connecting ducts with the wind-chests have been returned ready for action.

Here to the right below the light inside the organ case in the picture opposite, we glimpse one of the ranks of pipes belonging to the swell box, which is gradually being re-filled.

Visitors to St John's Church during February will have heard the sounds of newly installed pipes sounding for the first time, as freshly as they did when they were first mounted 111 years ago.

