

Car park resurfacing: what is happening, and when

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In short: the car park behind the presbytery will be closed for two weeks from **Monday 4 September**. Weir Road council car park is free at weekends and is a three minute walk. Blue badge holders should ring the office and we will make arrangements.

Why the work is needed

The car park was last surfaced in 1998 and has not aged well. There are now three potholes deep enough to have been reported to the parish office, the drainage gully at the Mill Lane end has collapsed, and after heavy rain a good third of the surface is under water. Two people have tripped there in the past year, and one of them was fortunate not to be badly hurt.

The PCC agreed at its May meeting to have the whole surface taken up and relaid, the drainage replaced, and the bays marked out properly for the first time.

What is being done

- The existing surface removed and the base regraded
- New drainage, including a replacement gully at the Mill Lane entrance
- Full resurfacing, and bays marked out
- **Two accessible bays** next to the side door, which we have never had
- A dropped kerb from the parking area to the level entrance
- Two low bollard lights, so the walk to the side door is lit in winter

What it means for you

Week one and two	Car park closed entirely. No access from Mill Lane at any time, including Sundays.
Sundays during the work	Weir Road council car park is free at weekends, three minutes on foot. Bridge Street has no restrictions on a Sunday.
Blue badge holders	Ring the parish office. We will arrange a space on Bridge Street directly outside the main door, and somebody to meet you.
Funerals	Unaffected. The contractor has agreed to clear access at short notice for any funeral. Please tell the office as soon as a date is set.
Deliveries and the hall	Hall hirers have been written to separately. Deliveries should come to the Bridge Street door during these two weeks.

What it costs, and how it is being paid for

The quotation is £18,400 including VAT. This is **not** coming out of the roof appeal. It is being met from the parish maintenance reserve, which exists for exactly this kind of thing, together with £4,000 from the diocese under its accessibility grant scheme. The two accessible bays and the dropped kerb are the reason that grant was awarded.

Nobody is being asked to give anything towards this, and the roof appeal total is unaffected.

If you have a concern

Please speak to Angela in the parish office on 01632 960 118, or catch one of the churchwardens after Mass. If getting to church during these two weeks is going to be difficult for you, do say so. Several parishioners have already offered lifts and we would far rather arrange one than have somebody stay at home.

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