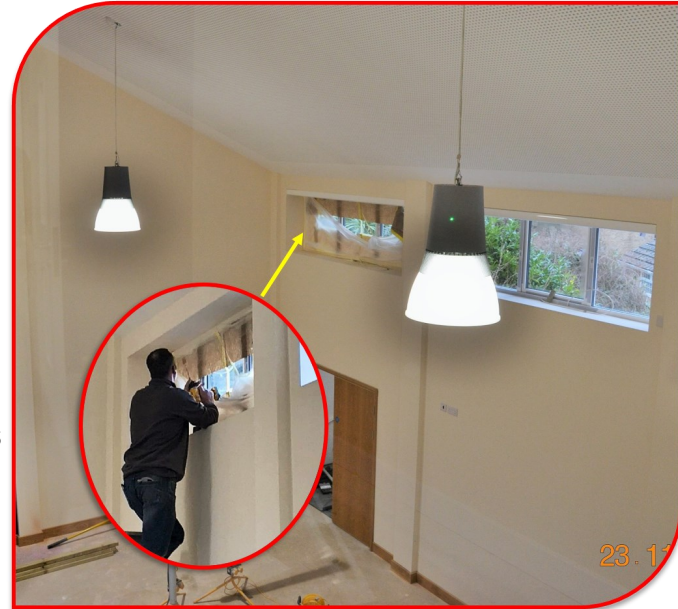


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The blind men cometh!

As you will know by now from the many photographs you have seen, we have high-level windows on either side of the worship hall to supplement the others on the left hand side. Due to their difficult access, the opening of these windows is by remote-controlled motors and the same is true of the roller blinds that we will likely need in the summer. This week, local company "Drapes and Blinds Limited" from Ashley Road, Parkstone, came to the site to install the motorised roller blinds for us. It's all very high-tech, with just a single handheld remote control unit, which has separate channels for each of the six window bays.



New to the site this week was a small team from Boden Bau Ltd., from Blandford, who are specialist floorcovering and tiling contractors. Their task was to tile the inside walls and steps of the baptistry and as you can see our choice was an Italian mosaic design intriguingly called Laguna Salvia. The steps have black nosings for visibility. As you can see, and I'm sure are well aware, the mosaic tiling comes in sheets, because, if all those little squares were to be applied individually, our opening could be pushed back quite a bit! Picture below right was taken at Clive Baines' workshop in Dorchester where he has crafted the full size cross, which will be the focus of attention on the front of the church. Made from oak, which Clive milled down to size, the cross will be heavy and retained by brackets already in position.

