

WOODBLOCK FLOORS

Clergy and others in charge of houses are asked to take note of the following points concerning the protection of woodblock [parquet] flooring

1. Permission should always be sought please before parquet is overlaid by any form of floor covering except loose rugs.
2. Because of the risk of condensation damage, parquet should **NEVER** be covered by linoleum or vinyl sheeting.
3. No carpet or other covering should ever be stuck, glued or tacked to a parquet surface. Adhesive, double-sided tape and nails will cause unsightly damage to the surface. Should such parquet ever need to be revealed again by you or your successor, it could require sanding and resealing, which is expensive and messy. Please use perimeter carpet gripper strips, or loose-lay.
4. There is a variety of methods for cleaning and protecting parquet, but please avoid using water, which will cause the blocks to warp and lift away from their bitumen base.
5. Woodblock floors are no longer provided in new houses. Alternative hardwearing surfaces have now taken their place.

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