The London Temple of Mithras - Update November 2016

The Temple reconstruction is now well underway. On-site within the depths of the New Bloomberg European Headquarters in the heart of the City of London, the foundations are rising and the London Temple of Mithras is starting to take shape. The onsite team are studiously following the archaeological records from the 1954 find and ensuring that each stone goes back into its original location. Off-site, our team of highly skilled artists are recreating the lost mud floor to the archaeological dig. This is done by first laying out earth recovered from the roman excavation (which has included interesting finds of bone, oyster shell and a beautiful fragment of pottery) and then making a large rubber mould of the entire floor. This reverse mould can then be filled with a modern, maintainable resin cast which we can then paint to replicate the floor. The results are staggering and it is impossible to tell the difference between the original and painted cast even studying it from about 6 inches or so away. Timber elements are aged and treated (including burning and soaking) to give the impression they have been set in the mud for well over a thousand years.
The next phase will be to integrate the two elements together, with each part playing an important role in support of the other. So that when viewed as a whole, the visitor will be immersed into the experience of discovering this mystical underground temple as if it has just been uncovered for the first time.