



### ST CHAD'S BENSHAM

#### **QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION REPORT 2019**

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## | General Information and Summary

#### 1.01 Name of Church and Archdeaconry

THE CHURCH OF SAINT CHAD, BENSHAM Diocese of Durham Archdeaconry of Sunderland

#### 1.02 Name and contact of Adviser with qualifications

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#### 1.03 Form of the Report

The following report has been prepared in line with the recommendations set out in 'A Guide to Church Inspection and Repair' (1995), to comply with the statutory requirement of the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955, and the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991. It is a general report, aimed at offering an overview of condition.

The report offers General Information and a Summary of the building's condition within Section 1.0, and Recommendations for work within Section 2.0.

Following this, Sections 3.0 to 6.0 discuss each area inspected in turn, illustrated with photographs.

This report has been prepared following a *visual inspection* of the church only. All inspections have been made from the ground and safely accessible galleries and roofs. This report should be seen as an overview, and not a detailed survey report. If further inspection or investigations are required they will be outlined within the recommendations for work.

#### 1.04 Specific limitations of the report

The inspections have been made from the ground only, except where safely accessible galleries and roofs have made higher level visual inspection possible. Ladders have been used where considered safe, giving access to some gutters, but not all. Internal valley gutters and inaccessible roofs have not been inspected. Ceilings, roof timbers and wall plates have been examined from floor level only. There has been no higher level investigations, nor intrusive inspections carried out; hidden structures, embedded timbers, floor and ceiling voids and areas beyond reasonable sight from the ground have not been subject to inspection and as such, it cannot be reported that areas such as these are free from defects.

#### 1.05 Dates of Inspection and previous inspection

An inspection for this report was carried out on 22 October 2019. The previous quinquennial inspection was carried out by Chloe Granger in 2014.

#### 1.06 Weather on day of inspection

The weather was damp and cold on the day of inspection.

#### 1.07 Brief Description of the Building and Designation

The building of the Parish Church of St Chad in Bensham was commenced in 1900 and consecrated in 1903. Designed by William Searle Hicks, the great nephew of Sir Charles Barry, in a High-Victorian Gothic style with Arts and Crafts tendencies. The church is a gem within the existing urban setting. St Chad's Bensham is *Grade II\* listed*.

The church is cruciform in plan with an aisled nave and aisled chancel. There is also a retro-chapel, (dedicated to All Saints), beyond the ambulatory. There is an octagonal tower that rises above the crossing with an elaborate corona of crocketed pinnacles with a castellated parapet.

The choir vestry and sacristy are located within the eastern ends of the north and south chancel aisles respectively, accessed from passageways down the side of the chancel beyond wrought iron gates at the eastern end. The organ loft sits over the north-western end of the quire, accessed from the north transept. There is a new forward altar in the crossing. The west end of the nave is taken over by community spaces, leaving the worship area of the nave and aisles approximately a third of its original length. There is a boiler house below the west end of the nave.

The fixtures and fittings within the church were all specifically designed and commissioned, mostly by Hicks himself, in a mixture of High-Gothic and Arts and Crafts style. The elaborate carvings seen in areas such as the quire, to the organ loft and the pulpit are of Victorian perpendicular style, while the more simple and stylistic designs seen in fixtures such as the wrought ironwork, timber-work in the nave, and the loose artefacts of silverware are of Arts and Crafts design. Most of the large items of metalwork were designed by Hicks and many of the loose items made by the Newcastle Handicrafts Company, but the more delicate altar-ware is by William Bainbridge Reynolds, the architect-cum-metalworker of high repute in the Arts and Crafts circle. The windows are again notable, by various designers including Caroline Townsend and Leonard Walker, both celebrated Arts and Crafts artists of the

In the 1990s, the west end of the church was developed into a community centre, over two floors. There is a large hall on the ground floor and a community room and offices above. A gallery on the new first floor faces out to the remainder of the nave and chancel.

Externally, the church appears heavy but grand. It is constructed of coursed buff sandstone with traceried windows, parapets and crocketed pinnacles. The north porch is elaborately carved, with three canopied niches above bearing figures of saints. The roofs are of relatively shallow pitch, covered with green Westmorland slates.



#### 1.08 General condition of the Building

The overall condition of the building at present is deteriorating under the large-scale and failing roof coverings. Lack of funds for regular repairs over the years is now starting to illustrate major problems. High level masonry pointing has deteriorated allowing water ingress into the tops of wall-heads. Leaking gutters, hoppers and downpipes are causing dampness and deterioration of surrounding masonry and joints, and leaks in the roof coverings themselves have led to two separate instances of dry-rot within the last five years' quinquennium. Due to the height of the roofs and high-level gutters, simple maintenance such as clearing out gutters has been restricted by cost and thus has lead to water ingress and further issues.

The roof coverings are all (except the chancel-aisles, nave and tower that have recently been re-roofed), are now well over 100 years old and are showing significant signs of being at the end of their life. There have been isolated repairs to the slates over the years, but many of these have been poorly carried out and there are patches of damaged slates where it is assumed attempts at fixing one area has lead to wider damage. The quickly declining condition of these roofs should be considered as a matter of high importance to ensure that this highly significant building is not lost due to inaccessibility to funds for its repair. High level masonry works should also be carried out at the same time, to safeguard the structure for the foreseeable future. The sheer scale of the building is its inhibitor when it comes to funding and management.

The general condition of the fabric does improve as one works down. Once below roof and parapet level, the rest of the structure seems reasonably sound. There are minor areas of localised damp due to leaking rainwater goods or high ground levels, but nothing serious. The string-courses and hoodmoulds have lost their pointing so are not performing their water-shedding functions as they should, and these should be addressed when other re-pointing works are carried out. The majority of the flat wall pointing is satisfactory.

Internally, aside from areas of suspected water ingress, the structure, finishes, fixtures and fittings are in excellent order, as are the windows. There are a few minor cracks and broken panes in the clerestory windows, but nothing of significance. All the stained glass windows are in excellent condition.

#### Structural issues:

There are minor cracks and opening of joints in masonry as noted in previous quinquennials, but nothing appears to be advancing in nature.

To ensure that this building continues, serious fundraising is required to enable the roofs and rainwater goods to be dealt with. Once these crucial elements are properly repaired, the fabric will be secure for the long-term.

#### 1.09 Safety aspects of the Building

Access up to the tower and to the tower roof should be reviewed. The handrail provision on the way up is lacking, the steps and rail to the tower from the flat roof is loose, and upon climbing through the access hatch out on to the tower roof,

there is no protection against falling between the merlons of the low castellated parapet. Protection here has been considered, however, there is thought that if a bar or restraint were added, it may give a false sense of security and be more of a potential hazard. At present, the current situation makes the roof-top visitor very cautious and careful.

There is a cracked apex stone bearing an iron cross over the main entrance porch that should be checked for stability.

#### 1.10 Works completed since the previous report

Taken from the list of recommendations in the last report, dated 2014, works that have been carried out are as follows:

- Re-roofed tower and nave, minor roof repairs elsewhere
- Re-pointed west facing elevations of tower and upper west gable
- Re-pointed parapet to south chancel aisle
- Repair of chimney at west gable
- Indicators on WC doors
- Investigated and repaired part community hall floor

#### 1.11 Work outstanding from the previous report

Taken from the list of recommendations in the last report, dated 2014, works that have not been carried out and are still considered relevant are:

- Continue fundraising/grant applications for re-roofing of all roofs
- Establish contract for cleaning gutters
- Inspect and repair hopper outside choir vestry and repair internally
- Monitor areas of fungus growth under organ chamber roof
- Remove vegetation from broaches and re-point
- Secured handrail steps to tower from flat roof
- Re-bed and re-point parapet over ambulatory
- Rub down, prep and repaint all iron railings
- Re-point all parapets and raking copings
- Re-roof all roofs in the following priority order:
  - URGENT South transept and south aisle, north transept with organ loft, north aisle
  - Chancel
  - Retro-chapel and ambulatory
  - Porch
  - North and south chancel aisles
- Re-point east faces of tower
- De-frass and repaint all steelwork in belfry, clock chamber and heating chamber
- Replace rusting wire grilles to windows
- Replaster east wall of ambulatory
- Re-point and locally rebuild boundary walls, reinstate railings
- New inner for font
- Restore clock
- Additional noticeboard for community events

#### 1.12 Records and Health and Safety file

The present records are held within the office on the upper floor of the west-end of church.



#### | Recommendations for Repair/Renovation

All outstanding works from the last report (as noted above) that are deemed relevant have been included within the recommendations of this report. Please note; all works must be specified, overseen and approved by the inspecting architect or other conservation accredited professional to ensure quality and appropriateness of workmanship. This is not a schedule of works, only identification of where works are required - a full specification and schedule should be drawn up prior to repair works being carried out. The costs displayed are only estimates - proper costs should be obtained from the relevant craftsman before commencing.

It is important to note that these recommendations are made as a professional looking at a building and considering its needs for repair. The recommendations have not been catalogued to accommodate church funds - prioritisation according to funds should be a matter of discussion between the architect and PCC, when a plan of action should then be formed.

ITEM	l	RECOMMENDED WORKS AND URGENCY	APPROX. £s +VAT
2.01		Urgent works requiring immediate attention	
	a)	Replacement of slipped/broken or missing slates across all pitches.	2,000
		Clearing out of all gutters, hoppers and gullies, including tower.	
		Re-point flashings to south transept. Replace missing flashings to the south chancel	
		aisle and dress down felt and stainless steel coverings over lead to north pitch.	
	b)	Lightning conductor inspection and repair (inc checking pinnacles)	1,500
	c)	Close inspection of cracked apex stone to north-west porch to be carried out. Repair	800
		as necessary. (inspect from cherry picker when carrying out roofing works above)	
	d)	Fix lighting to spiral staircase and inside the entrance into the tower	250
	e)	Check and fix back all bird mesh to inside of belfry louvres to stop birds from	DIY
		entering.	
	f)	Review safety of tower roof access. Put up signage alerting people of the risk.	DIY
	g)	Continue to monitor and look for signs of rot or fungus on timber	DIY
		wallplates/cornices within church. Look for fruiting bodies or areas of white	
		patching. Inspect void behind organ pipes for water ingress. Alert Architect	
		immediately if anything spotted.	
	h)	Fire extinguisher check, if not already carried out.	500
2.02		Works recommended to be carried out during the next 12 months	
	a)	Re-roof south transept, south aisle, north transept and organ loft roofs including all	350,000
	۵,	leadwork and re-bedding/securing of apex crosses on gables.	333,333
	b)	Checking and sealing of all gutters and ensuring hoppers and connections to	2,000
	-,	downpipes are sound. (likely cherry picker required)	_,,,,,
	c)	Check stability of pinnacles to tower corona and gables generally.	Inc above
	d)	Pointing of notable cracks in masonry to prevent localised wash-out of mortar.	2,500

e)	Progressively work around church re-pointing parapets, copings and strings to limit	Budget
	water ingress into wallheads, and to plinth-level masonry to relieve damp.	per year
f)	Carefully remove timber panelling in choir vestry to inspect for rot. Ensure	1,000
	hopper/outlet externally is clear and sealed.	
g)	Drill holes in roof of north aisle porch and leave door ajar for ventilation.	DIY
h)		250
	extraction fan inside WC.	
i)	Fill cracks in concrete to front of west entrance and re-point steps to prevent weed	500
	growth in gaps	
2.03	Works recommended to be carried out during the next two years	
a)	Pointing of parapets to tower and eastern faces of octagon and broaches. Include re-	85,000
	decoration of clock faces.	
b)	Re-roofing of north aisle and north-west porch.	60,000
c)	Carry out minor glazing repairs where panes broken. Replace rotten timber window	2,500
	frames in tower bell-ringing chamber	
d)	Rub-back/de-frass metal work in belfry and steels in boiler house and redecorate in	250
	metal paint system.	
e)	Touch up paintwork in chancel, south side, where former light fittings have been removed.	500
f)	Re-point boundary wall to west, against pavement.	1,200
g)	Add additional noticeboard to north-west corner of plot, to post community hall	1,500
	notices and events etc.	
2.04	Works required to be carried out within the next five years	
a)		250,000
b)		Inc in
	north. Removal of redundant and ferrous fixings from downpipes and point in lime	roofing
	mortar.	works
c)	Replace rusting metal grilles to principal windows of retro-chapel and south chancel	20,000
	with new powder-coated s/s wire grilles, fixed with s/s fixings.	
d)	Remove cementitious plaster to external wall in Sacristy and re-plaster in lime.	1500
e)	Dig away high ground levels externally along south chancel aisle and retro-chapel.	DIY
f)	Defended by the second of the	
	Refurbishment of WCs on ground and first floor of community hall, and of meeting	5,000
	room at gallery level.	5,000
g)		5,000 15,000
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h)	room at gallery level.  Pointing of western window, both internally and externally, and minor glazing repairs and cleaning of stained glass panels.  Repair of remaining areas of woodblock floor in community room – lift, trim border to ease, and re-bed.	15,000 2,500

2.05	Works required to be carried out in the longer term	
a)	Re-roofing north and south chancel aisles.	160,000
b)	Cap all hoodmoulds and stringcourses with lead, or lead replacement.	40,000
c)	Replace polycarbonate glazing with new, fixed with s/s fixings.	20,000
d)	Re-plaster area in eastern ambulatory wall, over arch to retro-chapel.	2,000
e)	Consider heating un-heated spaces to help dry out fabric, such as retro-chapel and clergy wc.	5,000
f)	Replace fibreglass glazing in north-west and west windows of north aisle (within community hall area) with 'Mono' laminated glass sheet, fixed directly into masonry	5,000
g)	Reconsider first floor meeting room – consider removal of ceiling to reveal exceptional roof and west window. Heating and acoustic implications must be considered in reimagination of gallery floor level.	Review
h)	Replace cut-off railings to boundary walls on north	2,500

#### **External Elements**

# 3.0



Tower roof re-roofed in 2015, in excellent condition



Tower - gutters full and outlets blocked with vegetation

#### 3.01 Roof Coverings

The roofs are laid with green Westmorland slates to diminishing courses, with stone roll-top ridges. Apart from the North and South Chancel Aisles (which were re-roofed in 2004) and the nave and tower roofs (which were re-roofed in 2015), the remainder of the roofs appear to be original and are therefore showing significant signs of aging. Many broken slates have been 'glued back together' using silicone or bitumen and many replacement slates are either incorrect Welsh slate, or vastly inferior plastic composite sheet/slate. The original roofs are in very poor condition.

#### Tower Roof

The tower was re-roofed in 2015 in new light green Elterwater/Westmorland slate, laid to diminishing courses. The roof is in good condition with no slipped or cracked slates.

The lead-work to the tower parapet gutter was replaced during the 2015 re-roofing works (in code 8), and laid on new penny gap boards.

Access onto the tower roof is through a hatch which exists out onto the narrow parapet gutter. The access hatch opens directly in front of a low section of parapet wall, between merlons, without any guardrail or handrail. During the works, additional safety measures such as a rail were considered, but the H&S advisor suggested this could be more hazardous for different reasons, as well as adding a maintenance requirement for the rail and stability of the parapets to be regularly checked. No alterations were made.

Pinnacles have lightning conductor copper tape fixed to their inside faces - one of the copper tapes is missing it's top section.

The lead parapet gutters have collected guano and seeds which make them very slippery. Both outlets are blocked and need clearing. There are open joints to the parapet to the northeast side of the tower roof.

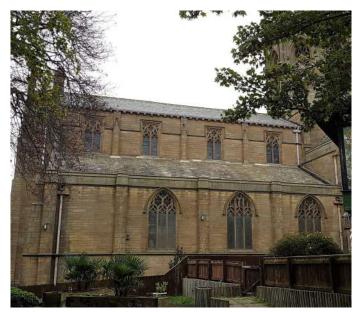
#### Nave Roof

The nave roof was renewed in 2015 in all new Westmorland/ Elterwater green slates in diminishing courses. The existing ridge tiles were re-bedded in hit and miss mortar beds to vent the void between the sarking and soffit boards (this void is also vented at the eaves). An open secret gutter was also added to the abutment of the tower to improve detailing.

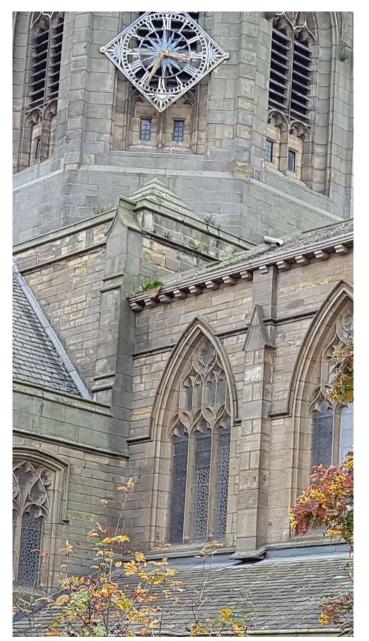
All slates and ridges are in good condition. The lead flashings were replaced in 2015 in code 6 lead and are in good condition.

#### South Aisle Roof

The slates are at the end of their serviceable life. In the past year patch repairs have been carried out, however there are still approximately 10 broken/chipped slates. There has been



South aisle in poor condition



Vegetation in tower broaches, vegetation in high-level gutters. RWP discharging onto south chancel roof

an outbreak of dry rot below the south aisle within the last two years, which was subsequently repaired. During repairs it was found that in some areas the felt under the slates had not been lapped into the gutter properly and therefore water was getting behind the gutter.

#### North Aisle Roof

The condition of this roof has worsened significantly in the last five years. In 2014 the east bay was stripped, timber repairs were carried out, a new open secret gutter to the transept abutment added and slates re-laid. This first bay is in good order but the rest is in very poor condition, with approximately 20-30 broken slates over the whole pitch.

#### Northwest porch

There are several broken/chipped, slipped and missing slates. The mortar fillet and bedding mortar to the ridges and hips has fallen away in many areas. The apex stone, which holds an iron cross, appears to be cracked and has been cement repaired. This must be checked for stability.

#### South Transept Roof

The south transept roof is in poor condition. There are numerous broken and missing slates that will be allowing water ingress. The bedding of the ridge pointing has fallen away, perpend joints to the ridge are open and the two southern-most ridge stones appear to have been dislodged. The flashings to the abutment to the tower on the west were replaced in 2015 and are in good condition. To the east, the mastic pointing of the flashings to the tower is coming away.

The eastern gutter leadwork has been renewed within the last quinquennium following another area of dry-rot outbreak in the south transept. Gutters are lined with debris and outlets appeared blocked.

To the south gable there is a lead cover flashing over soakers that is thin but appears in satisfactory order to the east, but questionable condition on the west pitch.

#### North Transept Roof

There are broken slates to both pitches, but the west pitch specifically is in very poor condition. There are 4 missing slates leaving visible holes beneath. There are a large number of replacement slates in what appears to be plastic, as well as several chipped or broken slates. Poor quality patch repairs have been carried out, some of which have been unsuccessful. The southern most ridge stone is cracked. The ridge pointing, bedding and perpend joints would benefit from repair. The abutment to the tower seems to be in satisfactory condition but there are splits in the lead to the north gable.

The apex cross appears to be slightly dislodged.

#### Organ Loft Roof

The hip-stone and ridge pointing/bedding is in poor condition with open joints, missing bedding and brittle cement falling away. There are several broken and missing slates. The ridge stone that holds the finial iron is cracked.

There is a mortar fillet between the slates and drip mould to





Lead roof between organ loft and north transept at end of life. Steps unsteady. Vegetation build up.



Two areas on south chancel roof where flashings have been peeled back by thieves looking for lead

the abutment of the tower - it is assumed that there are lead soakers between the slates but these cannot be seen. The mortar fillet is cracking and coming loose in some areas.

The lead flat access roof between the organ loft and the north transept is wearing very thin, and new lead is now required to this area. The ridges of the timber boards below can be visibly seen and there are areas of damage visible. The algae build up and vegetation growing makes this area very slippery when wet. The younger members of the community have now been tasked with keeping this area clear of vegetation.

The gutter to the organ loft roof is matt grey terne-coated stainless steel (zinc), and requires clearing.

#### Chancel Roof

The are a number of broken and slipped slates to both north and south pitches, with most number noted on the south pitch. There is heavy moss build up to the west half of the north slope of the roof and vegetation growing in the gutter.

To the south pitch, there is a rainwater pipe from the tower roof that exits out onto the chancel's south roof pitch near ridge level. This is creating a concentrated area of run off, and has caused major vegetation build up in the eaves gutter directly below.

As with the other roofs, the stone ridge has open perpend (vertical) joints, and the relatively recent cement fillet pointing to the bed of the ridge stones has failed and is now falling away. This cement pointing will be holding moisture inside the ridge.

At the abutment to the tower, the stringcourse drip mould is directly on top of the slates - it is assumed that there are lead soakers between the slates but these cannot be seen. To the north pitch there are weeds and moss growing in the small gap between top of slate and stone drip mould. On the south pitch this gap between slates and stone drip is filled with cement, supporting heavy moss build up. To the east gable there is a lead cover flashing that appears in fairly poor condition.

#### North and South Chancel Aisle Roofs

The north and south chancel aisle roofs were re-roofed in 2004 - the north with new Westmorland slates and the south with the best of the reusable slates from both of the pitches. There are however a number of broken and slipped slates on both pitches and some poor replacement slates using plastic.

The north pitch has lead flashing, and although is subject to regular attempts of theft, thus far to no avail although the section meeting the flat-roofed ambulatory has been pulled up by thieves on the hunt. The eastern flashings of the north pitch are the most easily accessible and are therefore covered with a stainless steel cover flashing. These are in good order.

To the south pitch the lead-replacement flashings have been pulled away by thieves in search of lead in three areas: at the base of the down pipe on the west end, and two areas where the ambulatory flat roof begins. It would be worth considering a roof alarm as this roof frequently gets climbed on. All



Nave roof re-roofed in 2015



Remaining roofs generally in poor condition with many missing, cracked and broken slates - slates at end of life

flashings here are Ubiflex or equivalent with lead soakers underneath, and all appear in satisfactory condition where not disturbed.

The flat roof of the ambulatory is stainless steel with lead flashings, although this could not be closely seen for inspection. As noted above, at both north and south junctions with the slate, the flashings have bene lifted and require dressing back down.

#### Retro-Chapel Roof (Chapel of All Saints)

There are a number of broken slates noted over both pitches. As with the other roofs, the stone ridge has been pointed, or the ridge re-bedded, with a heavy cement mortar bedding fillet. This is cracking and showing signs of loosening in some areas, and completely fallen away to much of the south pitch, which is not an issue so long as the bedding and perpends are full and stable.

To the west abutment with the ambulatory there is a lead cover flashing, presumably over soakers, which is presenting splits, particularly to the south pitch. To the east, on the south pitch is a mortar fillet making up the gap between drip mould and top of slates that is cracking and falling away. On the north pitch, there is a lead cover flashing to the east gable that appears in fairly poor condition at the bottom, (possibly where thieves have attempted to rip it away), and a lead-alternative flashing (Ubiflex or similar) to the west.

#### Retro-chapel Porch

The roof of the small north-east porch, in this corner between chapel and north chancel aisle is in deteriorated condition. There are several broken slates over the four conical pitches, and the stone hips are deteriorated, with one roll completely missing and the other joints buttered across with mortar. The joints to the top apex stone are open. This stone is cut from a walling stone embedded within the wall of the north chancel aisle/ambulatory, where there is notable (historic) movement within the parapet. The lead flashings are worn and thin but serviceable. There is a stainless steel capping to the base of the flashing where thieves have ripped away the lead. This needs fully overhauling.

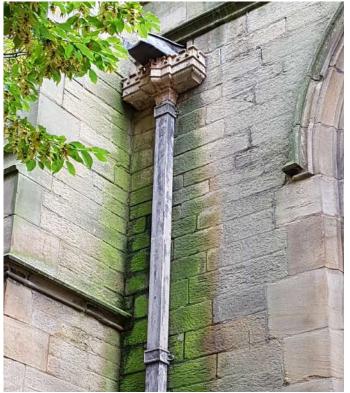
#### 3.02 Rainwater goods and disposal systems

There are castellated cast iron hoppers with either lead or cast-aluminium square down pipes to the roofs of the chancel aisles, nave, transepts and aisles. There are plain cast iron hoppers to the retro-chapel, again with square lead down pipes.

Most hoppers and down pipes appear in functional condition, although all would benefit from re-painting and checking of sealant to joints. There are areas where there is clear water spillages down the masonry behind down pipes, but it is unclear whether this is due to the outlets being blocked, or leaking joints. Many hoppers were sprouting major vegetation at the time of inspection.

Some lead down pipes have been damaged at low level, possibly due to attempted cutting away.





Rainwater spilling down masonry



Vegetation in Chancel eaves gutter



High-level nave eaves gutters, hoppers and downpipes all refurbished in 2015. Rest of rainwater goods require refurbishment during roofing works

There are substantial lengths of cast aluminium eaves guttering set on timber corbels to the Nave and Chancel which appear in sound condition although those to the chancel would benefit from sealing of joints and re-painting, (nave refurbished in 2015). The timber corbels should be checked when access is gained to inspect/repair eaves gutters.

There is vegetation growth in both the nave and chancel guttering that will be preventing discharge of water and must be cleared out.

There are parapet gutters to the aisles, transepts, chancel aisles and retro-chapel, with lead chutes from the outlets out over the hoppers to help with overflow. Some of these are misshapen, presumably by thieves attempting to steal them. Many have substantial vegetation growing within them. The parapet gutters to the aisles, chancel aisles and the chapel have all been re-laid in stainless steel and all appear in reasonable condition, although there are broken slates and mortar (from failed mortar fillets), that line the gutters, as well as vegetation in some areas. Gutters should all be cleared out regularly to avoid backing up of water.

Parapet gutters to the transepts are all still lead, apart from the west gutter of the south transept, which is believed to be felt onto a concrete gutter base. This gutter could not be inspected due to access restrictions, but should be inspected when access is gained for clearing out gutters - concrete gutter beds can cause issues with interstitial condensation, so should be monitored. The leadwork to the eastern gutter of the south transept has recently been renewed following a dry-rot outbreak.

The remaining lead lined gutters could only be inspected through binoculars from the tower roof; close inspection could not be made, but debris, fallen slates and the age of the lead would suggest a now limited life span.

The shallow stone gutter to the north-east (retro-chapel) porch has been relaid in felt, and appeared in acceptable condition.

The tower roof gutters are lead-lined behind the castellated parapet. These were renewed as part of the 2015 works and are in good condition. The outlets discharge into internal rainwater pipes which then exit out over the chancel roof and the nave roof to the east and west. The tower parapet gutters are full of debris (mainly guano and seeds, with vegetation blocking outlets).

Water from the nave roof is shed across the roofs of the aisles. On the south aisle pitch, the nave down pipe discharges into a gutter laid across the south aisle pitch, secured on brackets fixed through to the roof structure, protected by lead slates. On the north aisle pitch, there had been some serious water ingress possibly in association with these on-pitch gutter bracket fixings. The gutter and fixings were removed and the whole area covered with bitumen but water ingress had still however been persistent, leading to localised repair of the roof which was completed in 2014. An open secret gutter arrangement was introduced; something that should be replicated on the south aisle when this roof is worked upon.



Discharge from tower onto Chancel roof - heavy vegetation directly below discharge



Rusting hoppers and disfigured lead chutes from thieves trying to remove/pull out



Damaged lead downpipe discharging into gully

In general, all gutters require clearing and all outlets and chutes require unblocking, particularly less accessible ones. Most hoppers are sprouting substantial vegetation; in some areas this has led to water spilling down the face of the masonry, and over time has led to algae build up and open joints from to the mortar being washed away. Some downpipes are clearly leaking, wetting the wall behind.

All low level down pipes finish over gullies although many are not visible beneath undergrowth and debris. These should be cleared out and checked that they are all free flowing to maintain rainwater water discharge.

Cast iron hoppers generally are showing signs of rust and would benefit from refurbishment.

#### 3.03 Drainage below ground

Where visible, gullies require clearing and unblocking. Where not visible, earth and vegetation should be cleared away and the gully re-established and unblocked.

#### 3.04 Bellcotes, parapets, chimneys, upstand verges

There is no Bellcote.

The corner broaches between the square stage and octagonal stage of the tower are formed of large masonry units which have open joints and are supporting vegetation on the north-east and south-east corners. The western faces were re-pointed during the 2015 nave roofing works so are in reasonable condition. The vegetation should be removed and the remaining eastern facing broaches re-pointed to prevent water ingress into the wall head of the square tower below.

Parapet wall masonry, where accessible for inspection along gutters, is generally stable but joints are weathered on the faces and there are many open copings joints. Open coping joints will be allowing water into the wall head, so should be re-pointed.

The parapet and pinnacles to the tower corona were inspected and all seemed stable against light pressure, although the joints are weathered back and would benefit from re-pointing.

There is significant movement to the parapet to the ambulatory/north-chancel aisle, above the northeast porch, as noted above. This requires inspecting for stability and repointing as a minimum.

The upstands to the gables could not be accessed to inspect stability, nor could the cross finials or pinnacles be inspected. Generally, the joints to the upstands and their copings appear open and require re-pointing.

The pinnacle to the south-east corner of the retro-chapel gable has a crack across its finial, although it is recorded to have been repaired in 2004. This crack was caused by vandals who knocked the top off, however, cracking in finials in general





Parapet over southern garden door re-pointed (south chancel aisle)



Localised cracking through joints to west of garden door



Weathering of masonry below open-jointed or inadequate stringcourses and to bottom roll of hoodmoulds where water is penetrating. Ideally all strings and hoodmoulds should be capped with lead

can be an indication of embedded iron dowels. Careful note should be taken of all pinnacles and finials and any signs of cracking are to be brought to the attention of the inspecting architect.

The chancel gable, the transept gables and the high level raking upstands of the western aisles have particularly noticeable open joints to their copings that will be allowing water into the wall head, washing out mortar of the masonry below. These areas are probably in particularly poor condition due to inaccessibility. The upper half of the main western nave gable including copings was re-pointed in 2015.

The lower parapets of the aisles are in better condition, some of which have been re-pointed in the last quinquennium; to the west end of the south chancel aisle (over the garden door) a 3m length of parapet has been re-pointed to try and resolve water ingress, along with some repairs to the parapet gutter. Re-pointing has also been carried out to the parapet at the east end of the main south aisle.

There is a chimney to the far western end of the south nave pitch. The chimney was fully re-pointed and a new cowl fitted in the last phase of works in 2015. Some of the pointing to the lead flashing at the base of the chimney appears to have been lost

#### 3.05 Walling

The walls are constructed of local sandstone, with horizontally tooled walling stone and smoothly dressed ashlar to the quoins, windows and door reveals, parapets and other architectural features. The masonry is quite green from algae, particularly on the north elevation, and the stone's natural resilience will not have been aided by the chemical clean carried out in the 1990s. In general however, the masonry is in fair condition despite open joints to weatherings/parapets.

As noted above, many parapets and coping joints are open and require re-pointing. Below parapets, across the bulk of the elevations the stonework itself is mostly sound with localised areas of delamination and deterioration across all elevations. This is not of consequence, and only indicates weathering and age of the masonry.

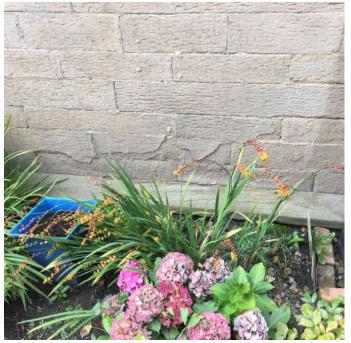
Areas of weathering which warrant slightly more note are the extensive lengths of dressed hood-moulds and strings. The bottom rolls of these hood-moulds and string courses are deteriorating in quite a number of areas, mostly due to open joints in the moulded head of the string above. Weathering of slim sections of stone such as thin rolls and string courses can cause issues if cracks appear on their top surfaces and delamination of sections of stone occurs, rather than purely surface erosion. In several areas, there are signs of delamination/splitting of the roll, and there is evidence of whole missing sections of rolls and strings at high level, highlighting this issue. The only way to avoid such issues is to ensure that water cannot sit on the top of the strings, and that all joints are fully pointed.



Key stone dropped over main west doorway - not progressed



Upper section of west gable (above window), and western faces of octagonal tower were re-pointed in 2015



Delamination of stone units at low level where there is a continual presence of damp

There is also specific weathering notable at the base of mullions. These areas are not of great significance at present, but should be monitored for worsening.

Over all elevations, the pointing is generally deteriorating. Areas that are most noticeable are weathering features at high level, the tower, parapets and gables, and also low (plinth) level. These areas have particularly deep open joints - the higher areas mostly due to exposure and lack of access, and the lower areas due to splash-back and moisture. The mid areas hosts more regular weathered joints. Some areas have been patch re-pointed in cementitious mortar which is now causing advanced deterioration of the stonework. Cement-based mortars should never be used on natural stone, as this causes the stone to weather back before the pointing. There are areas of minor cracking within the masonry joints, (or opening of joints), mostly historic and charting the natural movement of the structure. Many of the cracks have been repointed in the last few years.

Most areas of cracking appear through the larger tracery windows - retro-chapel east window, chancel main east window and the nave main west window. There is slight movement also noticeable above the square headed clerestory windows of the nave.

Other minor movement can be seen to the west of the southern garden door into the south chancel-aisle, (St Hilda's Chapel), to the east and west of the south transept, to the north transept doorway, up into the jamb of the transept window, and over the head of the west porch door where the key stone appears to have slipped.

There are no significant signs of movement apart from over the north-east porch in the parapet to the ambulatory which is already mentioned above.

None appear to have worsened since the last quinquennial inspection.

There are still holes and redundant ferrous fixings within the masonry, left over from removed rainwater pipe collars. These are unsightly, and the remaining fixings causing localised cracking in the stones. Old fixings should be removed and holes should be re-pointed in a lime mortar mix.

#### 3.06 Timber porches, doors and canopies

There are no timber porches or canopies. All doors are timber, of good quality and are original.

#### 3.07 Windows

Windows are leaded, set within stone mullioned openings. Generally the stonework reveals are in satisfactory condition, although some are showing signs of weathering. As mentioned above, some mullions are showing signs of stone deterioration, particularly at the base of the mullion or the stool of the cill, and the joints to hood-moulds are generally





Polycarbonate sheets on exterior of windows - well fitted and neatly cut, though now clouding and would benefit from renewal in the long-term

open, leading to deterioration of the masonry below; in some instances the bottom roll of the hood mould has been lost.

The tracery generally appears to be sound throughout, although there are issues with pigeons sitting within the tracery and defacing the stonework with their excretions.

The leaded lights are a mixture of figurative stained glass and cobweb-patterned plain glass. Some windows have been subject to vandalism and have obvious holes where panes have broken - these are specifically notable on the high level nave clerestory where there is no protective sheeting.

Some glazing within the re-ordered community area (west end) have been replaced with fibre glass.

The high level windows to the chancel, the main west window, the north transept window and all low level windows have poly-carbonate protective sheeting. In some windows the external polycarbonate glazing is now opaque with age and needs replacing.

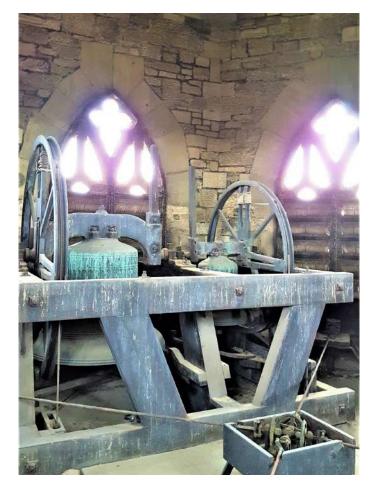
The south transept and the east window of the retro-chapel both have a metal grilles that are rusting and should be replaced.

### Internal Elements

# 4.0



Modern steel support to roof - no movement noted



Timber bell frame on concrete floor - good condition though would benefit from a clean

#### 4.01 Towers, Spires

The tower is accessed from the north transept, up a spiral staircase that goes up past the organ loft and out onto the external access walkway between organ loft roof and north transept roof. The lights were not working in the spiral staircase at the time of inspection.

From the external walkway, the ringing chamber is accessed up some timber steps with handrail. The timber steps are slippery and in poor condition and the handrail has rusted where it was fixed to the walling and has come away. At the top of these steps is a door, then a small flight of steps which rises over the vaulted timber structure of the crossing. The external timber steps and the handrail would benefit from renewal. The light inside the entrance to the tower is not working.

The floor of the ringing chamber is concrete, supported on steel beams that can be seen within the void over the timber structure of the crossing vaulted ceiling.

The clock mechanism is also in this same chamber. The tower is used by a telecommunications company, and there is some associated equipment set on a new low-level steel frame structure, fixed back to the east wall of the octagonal chamber, with a steel beam also spanning north-south.

The solid floor is in good condition, as are the exposed stone masonry walls, although much of the internal jointing has been re-pointed in a cementitious mortar. There is some minor cracking visible on the west facet masonry wall but appears historic.

There are small rectangular windows that are square leaded with plain glass.

There are two cracked panes to the north window and another two to the southeast. To the southern windows, where the opening lights have timber sub-frames, these timber frames have rotted and therefore there are gaps between the window frames and masonry.

There are steels sat on stone corbels to take the cast-in-situ concrete floor above - all appear in reasonable condition. There are cracks running east-west through the concrete floor above, (visible from within the ringing chamber below), and cracks that have opened between the concrete floor and the south, and south-west masonry walls.

The internal down pipes from the tower roof above exit on this level, out onto the nave and chancel roofs.

The next level is the louvred belfry, accessed up a timber ladder. The belfry also holds the clock faces. The concrete floor has visible cracks, as seen from below.

The exposed stone walls are in good condition, although have been pointed in a cementitious mortar. At high level there



Access to tower roof. Add sign to warn users about the exit onto the parapet so they understand the risks



Lighting vastly improved since last inspection - new lighting installed

is a modern steel beam to the underside of the octagonal steel plate jointing the eight tie beams and struts above. This new steel is to add additional support/strength to the telecommunications mast on the roof of the tower. The old steel plate is rusting and should be de-frassed and painted.

The roof structure itself is timber with timber boarding to the underside of the lead work. All appears in good condition.

The timber louvres in the openings appear in sound condition, with bird mesh on inside to prevent pigeons entering the belfry. There was a dead pigeon noted in the belfry; bird mesh to be checked and secured.

The bell frame is timber, is sat on the concrete floor, and holds two bells; one is rung, and one is for the clock. The clock face mechanism rods span just above the floor. The mechanisms and rods are rusting and the clock do not work at present.

The access out onto the tower roof is up a solid fixed ladder, through a hatch and out onto the parapet. As mentioned under the roofing section, the emergence out onto the parapet is directly in the position of a very low section of parapet, (approximately 300mm high), which is the subject of a health and safety discussion. As a minimum, erect sign on the steps to the hatch, alerting any person exiting onto the roof of the danger.

#### 4.02 Clocks and their enclosures.

The clock no longer functions, although it appears to have been kept clean within its enclosure in the bell ringing chamber.

The clock faces on the tower appear in reasonable condition from the ground, although closer inspection would be required. There are four clock faces on the facets of the tower, facing NE / SE / NW and SW. Their faces appear to be cast iron, diamond in shape with a cill detail. The decoration is poor due to inaccessibility. Consideration should be given to redecoration when re-pointing of the tower is planned.

A full overhaul of the clock mechanism and faces to restore them to working order is desirable, though beyond financial reach at the last quotation.

#### 4.03 Roof and ceiling voids

The only visible ceiling void is the barrel vault over the crossing, although its stability is unknown so physical access for close inspection was not possible. The structure is timber, with boarding to the barrel vault below. From the limited area that could be seen, it appears sound and dry.

#### 4.04 Roof structures and ceilings

The roof structure of the main nave, chancel and aisles are visible with boarded soffits above. The crossing and transepts



Rotten timber to underside of organ loft roof, behind organ pipes (looking up)



Remnants of large fungus, fallen from underside of organ loft roof (noted in last QI, located on timber soffit boarding)



Peeling paintwork indicating damp in south-east corner of chancel (coincides with missing flashings externally)

have barrel ceilings with only half the structure exposed to the underside.

During the last quinquennial, new lights have been installed to up-light the ceiling. This area is now much more visible and better inspection possible.

Generally the ceilings appear in very good condition, despite the poor condition of the roofs. This is possibly explained by the belts-and-braces design of the roof that includes a layer of ceiling soffit boards, then counter battens, followed by a layer of sarking boards then slates.

There is evidence of water ingress on the south side of the nave roof - to be monitored.

To St Hilda's Chapel there are historic splice repairs to rafter ends and replacement sarking boards that were installed prior to the last QI.

The two outbreaks of dry rot in the south transept and south aisle were dealt with promptly. Fortunately the fruiting bodies were spotted and the rot had not travelled far. Both areas required timber replacement and some areas of plaster to be removed/reinstated following treatment.

All Saints Chapel (retro-chapel) has a barrel ceiling, again with soffit boarding. There is historic evidence of water staining on the south side at eaves level centrally along the elevation, and evidence of a former problem to the north west corner but no evidence of a continuing issue.

Timber boarding above the angel loft showing signs of water ingress from the ambulatory flat roof above.

Wallplate above the organ pipes are stained white and appear heavily decayed with rot, and a fruiting body has been found fallen to the floor (spotted in last QI) - it is unknown whether the problem continues. Buckets to catch water were dry at the time of inspection, but it is known are emptied by the organist. No roofing works have been done, so it is assumed water ingress continues.

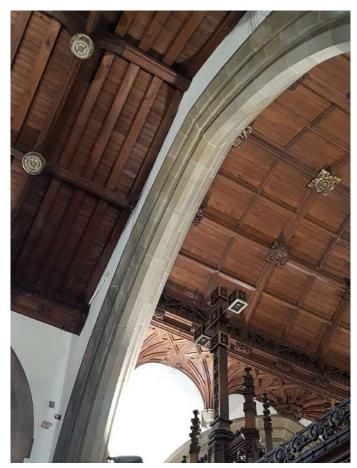
Generally elsewhere, ceilings seem in good condition from below. There are gilded and painted bosses throughout the nave and chancel which are a delight.

# 4.05 Internal structures, balustrades, upper floors, balconies, access stairways

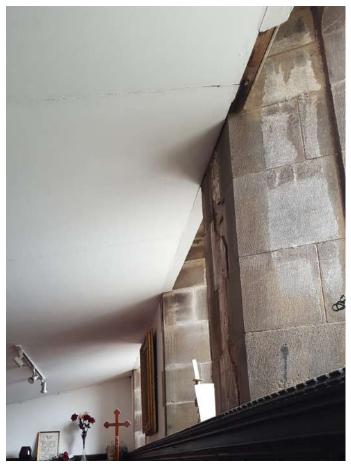
Looking at the internal masonry, in the retro-chapel, there is low level spalling of stonework below the panelling - it is most notable on the south elevation, most probably due to the external vegetation and high external ground level. The paint below the panelling is impervious paint which is contributing to this damp. This area does not currently have any heating and would benefit from some.

There is spalling also occurring to the stone sills to both north and south eastern-most windows.





Leaks over chancel arch/crossing arches, staining from purlins - monitor



Choir vestry - damp to windows and staining from water ingress above - false ceiling and wall panelling hides issues

There is a crack over the north and south arches to the rear ambulatory passage behind the high alter, and the eastern central arch joints are open, with cracks above the arch. The plaster to this eastern ambulatory wall, above the arch to the chapel, is detaching below the flat ceiling of the angel loft.

The external masonry walls to the south chancel aisle, including Sacristy and St Hilda's Chapel, are delaminating, indicating evidence of damp. This is probably due to the external hard standing and raised path level towards the east.

The half-height 'cementitious rendering' in the Sacristy is causing moisture to become trapped within the masonry, is blistering the paintwork and is driving moisture higher up the wall. There is rust around the safe embedded within the east wall of the Sacristy. The window reveals are also suffering from salt damage although this is more probably due to overhead former gutter issues or damp through the window masonry.

Masonry to the external north walls of the north chancel aisle appears to be in better condition except where there has been a clear prolonged issue with water ingress.

Within the choir vestry, the high level masonry and eastern window reveal is suffering badly from salts. This appears to be an issue from above though the false ceiling prevents proper inspection. Plaster is also delaminating in the north east corner. There is a leaking hopper/down pipe in this location externally, and the gully is also blocked. Closer inspection is to be made of the outlet from the parapet gutter, and the hopper and down pipe is to be re-sealed by a competent roofing metalworker - this was picked up in the last report but does not appear to have been completed. The gully is to be unblocked and checked to ensure it is free flowing.

Inspection was not possible behind the timber panelling to this wall, however, the timber woodblock flooring is also rotten in this corner. It is advised that the timber panelling is carefully removed to allow inspection behind and check that there is no timber rot developing - as per last QI recommendation.

Within the spiral stair tower the plaster is deteriorating. There are rusting conduits embedded in the plaster and on the right hand reveal of the organ loft entrance the plaster has failed.

To the main church, within the chancel there are two cracks over the central arch behind the alter underneath the east window.

There is peeling paint on the south side of chancel, beneath the easternmost window (where the lead outside has been peeled back).

There are cracks in the plaster at the west end of the chancel, and evidence of water ingress in the form of staining running down from the ends of the chancel roof purlins. To be

To the nave clerestory windows there are hairline cracks from the base of the windows down to the aisle arches on both sides. To the west wall of the nave there is a crack from the purlin on the southern side to the window.



Dry-rot found and timber / gutter over repaired. Iron bracket holding the font cover has cracked the masonry at the window cill - monitor



Mould to inside of north aisle draught porch, on both timber and mat

To the east side of the south transept is the font, which sits below the south transept's eastern window. The font cover is partly supported by an iron rod embedded within the cill of the window. There is a crack in the stonework below the window which has most probably been caused by the iron rod. This should be carefully monitored. There are minor cracks above windows in this south transept.

To the north, above the north transept window there has been water ingress, evident from the bubbled plaster. It is not clear whether this is new or historic as on the previous inspection the internal lighting was very poor in this area so thorough inspection was not possible. To be monitored.

To the north wall of the north aisle there are minor cracks above windows and evidence of historic water ingress.

There is a new structure incorporating a gallery, as well as meeting spaces and offices that have been inserted at the west end of the church. The structure all appears sound and of good quality wood work, though now appears rather dated in style.

#### 4.06 Partitions, screens, panelling, doors and windows

The external walls to the north and south aisles, St Hilda's Chapel and the choir vestry are all timber panelled up to approximately a metre and a half high. The panelling is oak, of exceptionally good quality, beautifully carved with a top rail and flower and berry motifs below. In several areas the panelling has been damaged from fixings of radiators.

The partitioning of the sacristy and the choir vestry, as well as the organ blower room, is all formed using the same style oak panelling with decorative detailing and exceptional carving work. The frontispiece facing the north aisle has decorative carving to the panel work, of which behind is the organ blower room. Above is the projecting seat for the organ pipes which again is exceptionally carved to the underside of the canopy.

The open screens between the arches of the chancel are again of high-gothic carved style, all in very good quality and in good condition.

There is a small box porch adjacent to the tower access door which leads out from the north transept. This box porch is in oak panelling with carved detail and fretwork, linen fold panelling at high level. This inner draught porch at the north aisle is damp and lacking proper ventilation and as a result mould is present. Small holes should be formed in the roof to introduce ventilation and the door should be left ajar.

All internal doors to the east of the new community area and gallery are all original oak with original ironmongery, all in very good condition and order.

Within the choir vestry there are some original linen fold panelled cupboards that are still intact plus some more modern cupboards along the south side.





Interior panelling, carved timberwork and meatlwork is exceptional and of very high significance



West end gallery over community hall

The choir vestry roof is being used to store various items which should be removed and stored elsewhere.

To both the north and south aisles at the far east end, north and south of the chancel, are two large wrought gates that when closed would restrict access to the choir vestry and sacristy, and the Chapel of All Saints beyond. These are original with decorative motifs and of excellent quality. They would benefit from rubbing down and repainting, although the application of gold should be chosen carefully as these would have originally been gold leaf.

The windows within the main body of the Church are a mixture of both plain leaded and figurative stained glass and all appear in fair condition. The glazing bars have been positioned at regular intervals enabling the majority of the panels to resist slumping. Those that have slumped slightly are of negligible issue.

The high level plain glazed windows to the chancel appear to be in the most deteriorated condition, particularly within the tracery and at the top of the lancets. This is particularly noticeable on the northern windows.

The main east window is of high decorative quality and again appears, from the ground, in excellent condition without much slumping of panels nor noticeable broken panes.

It is noted that most of the hoppers are missing their cords, meaning they cannot be opened. This restricts the management of ventilation.

The windows of the retro-chapel of All Saints appear to have suffered from vandalism more so than others, most probably due to their accessibility. Most of the damage has been repaired and there is protective polycarbonate sheeting in position externally, although this is now cloudy with age and would benefit from renewal.

Within the inserted first floor gallery to the west end of the nave, close inspection of the lower part of the main west window is possible. There is a crack to the cill and the stained glass is bowed, likely due to this room being significantly warmer than other parts of the church. Heating of this space should be carefully regulated in order to limit the risk of further bowing.

The entrance door to the organ loft has had its lock removed and the latch no longer works.

## 4.07 Ground floor structure, timber platforms, under floor ventilation

The floor is mostly stone flagged throughout the common areas, with flush woodblock pew areas. The central aisle is carpeted as is the modern platform dais in the crossing. The chancel and sanctuary is inlaid with decorative marble, as is the altar of the Chapel of All Saints.

The stonework flags are generally in sound condition although



High altar and reredos



Marble floor to chancel - all interior of exceptional quality

there is delamination due to wear, particularly noted within the ambulatory and to the step up to the altar from the south chancel aisle.

The woodblock floor generally appears in good condition.

The inlaid marble is in good condition apart from some spalling of the red marble to the steps of the altar.

#### 4.08 Internal finishes

Finishes are mostly exposed dressed stone to the window reveals, arcades and arches, with half-timber panelling and plaster elsewhere.

All finishes appear in good condition except where panelling has been damaged on the south aisle, possibly from alterations, and where plaster is damaged from water ingress, most notably in the sacristy, choir vestry and east wall of the ambulatory.

There is some minor patching in of paintwork required to the western end of the south wall of the chancel where light fittings have been removed.

#### 4.09 Fittings, fixtures, furniture and movable articles

There is a large amount of high quality gothic style timber work in the chancel; the rood screen, quire stalls, canopies, reredos, organ loft and pulpit are all highly detailed. Carving work is of excellent quality and in very good condition. The lectern and front cover are also highly decorative pieces and contemporary with the rest as above.

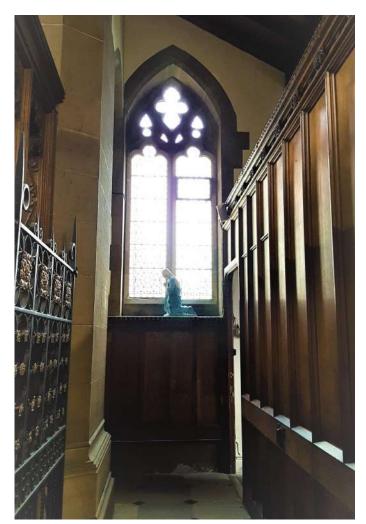
There are various cabinets and cupboards also carved in timber and of good quality.

In the nave, the pews are simple, oak with simple square ends. The pew fronts in the crossing have linen-fold carved detailing that matches the external wall panelling. There are now only seven rows as the gathering space at the rear takes up approximately two thirds of the western nave.

The alabaster font includes detailed carvings and two tone colouring. It was re-located into the south transept during the re-ordering and is now not connected to a drain. A bowl is used for baptisms - a receptacle made to fit the font, replacing a bowl, would be a welcome addition.

The font cover is now a fixed article in the south transept, but the highly decorative suspended silver sanctuary lamp holders are still lowered using the pulley system. The pulleys appear in good working order. Regular checking and oiling of the pulley should be programmed into the maintenance and service schedule.





Approach to Sacristy, on right hand side



Separation of community space at west end, north aisle

#### 4.10 Toilets, kitchens, vestries etc.

#### Clergy WC

Positioned next to the north-east clergy entrance, the space is cold, damp and unheated, but in fair condition. It would benefit from some warmth to dry out the fabric and allow it to be usable.

#### **Boiler House**

The boiler house is located down some external steps at the west end, is of solid stone construction, concrete floor and concrete ceiling on steelwork. This steelwork is rusting and would benefit from a wire brush and painting to prevent further deterioration, as has been noted in previous QI reports.

The boiler house generally appears dry and of comfortable temperature and is generally neat and tidy. The boiler system is relatively new with three Ideal Concorde CX boilers, modern pipework with all relevant valves and pumps. All pipework is suitably lagged and in good order.

The external door to the boiler house is the original solid timber panelled door, ledged and braced on the inside face with a large rim lock, as well as a separate five lever lock. Ironmongery is all wrought iron and original.

The boiler house also accommodates the incoming mains electricity and distribution board with modern fuse boxes.

#### West-end Community Spaces

The west end of the Church is given over to the new community hall on the ground floor, and community room, meeting space, offices and gallery above. This re-ordering was carried out in the 1990s and is all of good quality and in good condition.

On the ground floor the large community hall has been formed within the main central nave area with solid partitions between the arcade columns. The partitions appear to be plastered masonry and timber glazed doors within the openings.

Within the original north aisle there is a corridor with a door at the eastern end that opens into the church. Accessed from the corridor there is a male and a female toilet, one being wheelchair accessible, and a staircase that leads to the upper floor.

The new staircase balustrading is timber, of simple design, elegant and in good condition.

The two individual toilets are simple plastered walls, half tiled, linoleum floor, plastered ceiling, all in fair condition though would benefit from refurbishment in the not too distant future.

The flooring throughout the new west-end is all woodblock flooring and is a mixture of the original and new woodblock. The combination has been matched well and looks appropriate and well kept.



Entrance into community hall from former north aisle



Community hall - woodblock floor required easing and re-bedding in localised areas where lifting

Within the main community room, situated within the former nave area, the portal frame structure is clearly evident, set alongside the original columns of the arcade.

There is some softness felt in the wood block floor to the edge of the former pew stalls in approximately the centre of the northern band. This has been investigated in one area and appears to be the lifting of the woodblock due to expansion, resulting in lifting from the bedding adhesive. It is important that the wood block floor is *not* cleaned with a wet mop but instead brushed and hoovered and re-waxed every few years. If mopping is necessary, ensure mop is wringed out thoroughly.

The walls and ceilings are plastered and in good condition.

The area of the south aisle gives way to a kitchen which is being fully refurbished at the time of inspection, including being enlarged and fitted with commercial grade units to enhance the community offer.

During the original reordering a new staircase of the same design as that found on the north was inserted in the west porch; simple timber balustrades and simple carpeted stairs lead up to the upper floor.

The plaster to the external wall has recently been painted but it would appear that there has been historic damp in this area. The previous QI notes vinyl paint in this area which would be preventing the wall behind from breathing. It is unknown whether the plastering that was carried out during the reordering is of a compatible material or whether this too is contributing to the restrictions of moisture movement within the wall.

This access from the western stairwell appears to be the least used, or at least back of house. Doors and partitions and radiators in this stairwell are painted a rather uncommon blue.

On the upper floor, the central community room has walls that infill between the arcade with doors through to the northwestern stairwell and into a small meeting room to the south, and then two doors accessing through to an office and to the main stairwell on the north.

Within the community room, the sill of the main western window is at approximately one metre from the new floor level, but the window's height has been cut off mid way by the ceiling of this new meeting room.

The plastered painted walls and ceiling all appear in fair order, the floor is carpeted in reasonable condition, although there are now quite a number of stains. This room now would benefit from an overhaul/refurbishment.

The exposed stonework to the western wall, which primarily makes up the western window, is in fair condition. There are open joints at the sill and the base of the main central mullion has a vertical crack. Daylight is visible through the central joint of the main reveal sill, directly below the central mullion.





Meeting room on gallery level - ceiling cuts west window in half and creates a low-ceilinged, rather unpleasant space - consider removing the ceiling to allow appreciation of roof and west window (appreciate heating issues will have to be considered)



Re-pointing and minor repairs to glazing required to west window

The ferrous tie bars to the stained glass windows do not appear to be causing much damage, although the panels themselves are visibly slumping.

The lancet second from the right is most noticeably distorted with several cracked pieces of painted glass visible. The stained glass is of excellent quality and would benefit from a very careful clean with appropriate cleaning agents, such as de-ionised water and a lint free cloth.

The small meeting room, or counselling room, positioned in the upper south aisle has plastered walls, carpeted floor, all in reasonable condition. The ceiling is the original timber soffit boarding and exposed timber rafters and purlin with decorative end truss and boss. This room is in good condition, including the upper half of the plain leaded window, the lower half being in the kitchen. There is slight evidence of movement within the leaded panels and a few cracked pieces, but nothing of concern.

The gallery on the upper floor, overlooking the main church, is carpeted to the floor and has a timber balustrade all the way around looking out into the church. The timber balustrades are of simple design, in reasonable quality timber as elsewhere on this new reordering scheme. The carpeted area appears slightly worn as does the plastered wall to the west, but all mainly cosmetic wear and tear.

The plastered wall to the west of the gallery is mid height, approximately 2.5 metres, with a flat top used as storage. As has been noted on previous QI reports, this ceiling should not be used to store heavy materials.

A view of the top half of the west window can be afforded over this ceiling level.

Over the main west window there is evidence of peeling paint at high level, indicating an issue with water ingress. It is unknown whether this is historic, but considering that the nave has recently been re-roofed, it is likely that this issue has now been resolved. It would be beneficial for this area to be re-painted so that it can be easily monitored for any further water ingress.

The clerestory windows that can be seen from this level all appear in reasonable condition save for a few broken and cracked panes. All opening hoppers were closed at time of inspection. These windows would benefit from localised repair and closer inspection to ensure all panels are sound.

There is an upstairs toilet positioned to the west of the gallery on the north side, with lino floor, half tiled walls and plastered above. The ceiling is exposed to the soffit boarding and rafters. There is pipework for an extract vent but the extract vent itself appears to be missing, as noted on the previous QI report. This should be rectified.

To the far west end of the upper north aisle there is an office, the floor level of which sits halfway way up the western window to the original north aisle entrance. The office has a carpeted floor which appears rather tired looking at present,



Fibreglass glazing in office - thermally very poor, room very cold and barely usable

plastered walls and the exposed timber ceiling as elsewhere. There appears to be some delaminating plaster on the west wall in the northern corner, possibly indicating a damp issue. The window itself has been re-glazed using fibreglass and although not particularly attractive, is functional. The masonry to the window appears sound.

#### 4.11 Organs and other instruments

The organ is located in the northern chancel-aisle. The blower is on the ground floor, and the console and pipes are above, accessed via the spiral staircase leading up to the roof and the tower. The organ chamber is over the blower room, and the console is on a gallery with views over the choir stalls.

There is debris and loose timber behind the console, within the organ chamber, that should be removed.

The void behind the pipes allows views up to the soffit boarding, which displays rotten timber and former evidence of fruiting bodies - to be regularly inspected.

The organ itself appears in good condition and is still used regularly.

#### 4.12 Monuments, tombs, plaques etc.

There are several plaques within the church, and many of the windows are dedicated memorials, but there are no specific ledgers or tombs to note.



#### 5.01 Services installations generally

There is incoming main gas, water and electricity. There is no oil. All services have been recently inspected.

#### 5.02 Gas installation

It is believed that the heating system was installed in 1990 as part of an upgrade when the alteration scheme was carried out. The system comprises three Ideal Concorde CX gas fired boilers located in the boiler house below the west end of church. These serve radiators and fan convector heaters. The gas boiler servicing was completed in March 2017 and remedial works recommended were carried out. The certificates can be seen in the Appendix to this document.

#### 5.03 Electrical installation

It is believed that the electrical installation was part of the 1990 alterations scheme. Electrical testing of the main installation was carried out in February 2016. Testing of the fire alarm was carried out in August 2018, no further action was required. Testing of the intruder alarm was carried out in January 2018, no further action required.

#### 5.04 Water system

The church is served by mains water. All appears to be in satisfactory order.

#### 5.05 Oil installation

There is no oil supply to the church.

#### 5.06 Sound installation

There is a simple sound system with discrete speakers positioned around church. It is unknown whether there is a loop system installed.

#### 5.07 Lightning conductor

There are lightening conductors on the tower, although as noted within the report, there is one pinnacle conductor that had half of its rod missing. A lightning conductor inspection was last carried out in February 2015 though no works have been carried out on the system.

#### 5.08 Fire precautions

The fire alarm system was installed in 2013. This was serviced in August 2018, as described in the fire detection and alarm system inspection and servicing report. The fire extinguishers were inspected in December 2017 and now appear to be overdue their yearly inspection.

#### 5.09 Heating and Ventilation

Heating is through radiators and fan convector heaters served by gas boilers in the boiler house. Pipes still run around the perimeter of the church in the original steel pipes. It is understood that the system works well currently.

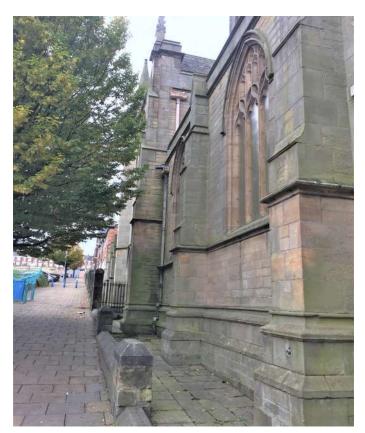
It is usual for buildings of this period to have under-floor ventilation, although no air bricks could be visibly seen on the elevations. It may be that they are covered by the vegetation. Air bricks should be investigated and cleared if they exist.

Hoppers at high level in the clerestory have lost their chords and are shut. This means that there is no air flow being drawn through the building or at high level, although the building does not feel as though it needs extra air flow at this level.

#### 5.10 Asbestos

An asbestos survey was carried out in October 2014 - asbestos was found in the electrical fuse boxes. The recommended removal method has now been undertaken. Other areas containing lesser variants of asbestos were also identified but removal was not deemed necessary.





Railings missing from western end of north boundary wall. Areas behind boundary walls kept clean and tidy



Accessible ramp down to clergy entrance at north-east end of church - not idea for access into community hall

#### 6.01 Churchyard

There is no churchyard. The church sits tight to its boundaries on the north, east and west sides with a very small open space to the north-east affording access to the vestry from the outside. In this area there is a ramp used for disabled access.

To the south side of the Church there is a pathway that runs up the perimeter with land formerly owned by the Church but now has been given over to Tyneside Minds through the St Chad's Community Project.

#### 6.02 Ruins

There are no ruins within the curtilage of the Church.

#### 6.03 Monuments, tombs and vaults

To the north east of the Church alongside the north wall of All Saints Chapel is a low stone monument with a timber cross dedicated to the Great War. The monument had originally hosted a bronze crucifix, but this had unfortunately been liberated. Since then a timber cross has been erected.

There are no other monuments, tombs or vaults within the curtilage.

#### 6.04 Boundaries and gates

There is a sandstone boundary wall to the west along the pavement edge and to the north again along the pavement edge, all with wrought iron railings.

The east boundary is defined by a gable of a housing block immediately to the east of the Chapel, and the south boundary defined by a pathway dividing the church from the land now occupied by Tyneside Minds.

There is a low stone wall leading off the south east corner of the sacristy, running eastwards along the path containing a small square area to the south of the retro-chapel. The stone walling in general is in reasonable condition although would benefit from re-pointing of both walling joints and coping joints.

The boundary wall to the road on the west is more noticeably damaged than the rest, probably due to salt damage from the road. This would also benefit from re-pointing.

The wrought iron railings are all original and are in good condition for their age. In some areas the iron has caused spalling of the stone, but the vast majority of the sockets and railings set in lead are in good condition and still intact. The railings have lost their paintwork and would benefit from rubbing down and repainting.







Beds to south walkway are kept beautifully. Garden to south of retrochapel requires attention

There are various gates leading to the numerous entrances around the Church. All gates are wrought iron and in similar condition to the railings.

#### 6.05 Trees and shrubs

There is no land around the Church containing trees but there are beds with shrubbery against the Church wall, all along the south side and the two small garden areas either side of the retro-chapel to the east.

The area to the south of the Chapel is at a much lower level than the rising path along the south boundary and as such it tends to become a collection point for rubbish and debris. This area does not appear to be as well kept as the beds running along the south side of Church, probably due to being less accessible. With the exception of this area the planting is generally well kept and not overgrown.

#### 6.06 Hard-standing areas

The pathways around the church are a mixture of modern flagging and tarmac with smaller set paviors to the public pavement outside the boundary.

To the north side of the Chapel is a disabled ramp access down to the north-east porch, although gradients appear a little steep. The landscaping around this area is minimal.

To the north side of the church there is a level difference between the rising pavement and the sunken wells against the church building itself. The base of these wells are hard-standing but appear to be roughly at ground level. These areas are being kept clear and tidy.

At the west end to the boundary with the main road and pavement, there is gravel and shrubbery behind the low boundary wall to either side of some narrow steps leading down to the boiler house.

In front of the main west door the stone steps have open joints with weeds growing between them, and the base is laid with a coarse cementitious grounding which has cracks with weeds growing between. Weed growth is relatively new and less established than at the last inspection, so is evidently being kept on top of as part of general maintenance.

There is a modern pair of railings in front of this west door which are of inferior quality to the originals but are functional. These have been repainted since the last inspection and the paint-work is in good condition.

Both piers to the west entrance gates appear to have been rebuilt possibly to accommodate narrower gates. There is very minor movement at low level to the boundary wall north of the west gate, possibly due to this area having been overgrown in the past. It has now been cleared and is well kept.

There is also minor movement to the low boundary wall on



Cracked concrete to front of west door would benefit from repair and steps re-pointed to resist weed growth in gaps



Beds to south walkway are kept beautifully. Garden to south of retrochapel requires attention

the north, to the east of the main north porch, but not of consequence.

The stretch of boundary walling between the north porch and the entrance to the north transept has no railings as these have been historically cut off, most probably to help with the war effort. Reinstatement should be considered as a long-term aim.

#### 6.07 Buildings within the curtilage

There are no buildings within the curtilage of the existing Church boundaries. The former Church land to the south is now on long-term lease from the Diocese to Tyneside Minds through the St. Chad's Community Project. This portion of land and the building is no longer under the responsibility of the Church.

#### 6.08 Notice boards

There is a main sign mounted below the main west window which is good condition. There are no further notice boards due to issues of vandalism and theft. All notices and adverts are cable tied to the railings on the north west corner of the Church. This is not ideal and a more permanent notice board solution should be found. An additional notice board could be positioned within the area behind the railings on this same north west corner, which is accessible now that it has been cleared of shrubbery.

## 6.09 Works required to provide disabled access and parking space

There is currently a ramped access to the north east of the Church giving access into the Church via the choir vestry external door. This ramp appears to be of quite steep gradient, but given the restrictions of space, it is adequate to provide access if necessary.

There are currently no official parking facilities, although there is on-street parking on two sides of the Church.

# Appendix A | Listing Text

#### Location

The building or site itself may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

Statutory Address:

CHURCH OF ST CHAD, RAWLING ROAD

District:

Gateshead (Metropolitan Authority)

National Grid Reference: NZ 24971 61700

#### **Details**

1. RAWLING ROAD 5099 (east side) NZ 26SW 1/101 Church of St Chad II\*

2. 1900-1903 by Hicks and Charlewood. Ashlar with fairly low pitched slated roof. C14 style. Cruciform with aisles and an octagonal crossing tower with battlements, a corona of crocketed pinnacles and narrow fleche with vane. Much tracery, some flamboyant, some early Perpendicular. Elaborate carved surround to North door has symbols of Evangelists and three niches above it with figures of saints. Retro- chapel and vestry extensions to East. An expensive and accomplished town church.

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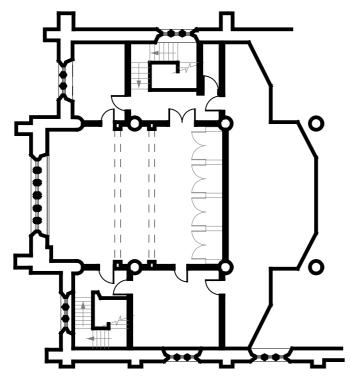
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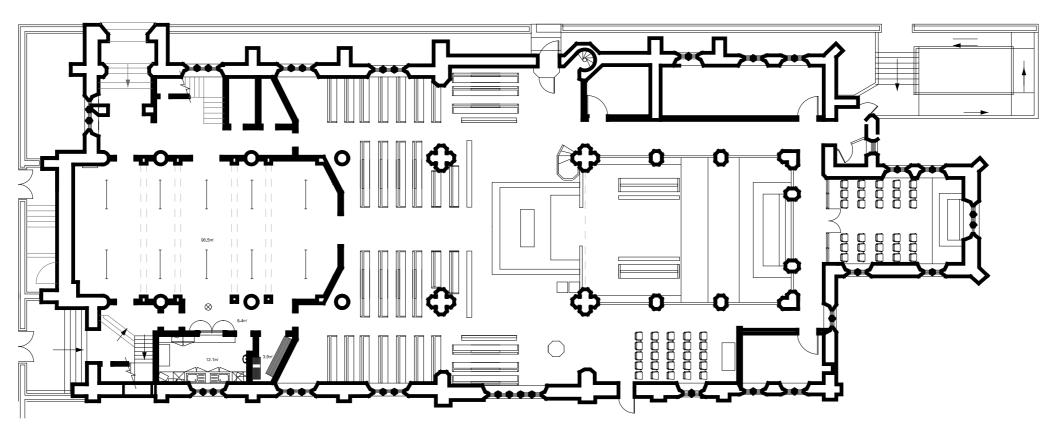
# |Appendix B

| Floor Plans and roof plan





EXISTING FIRST FLOOR PLAN

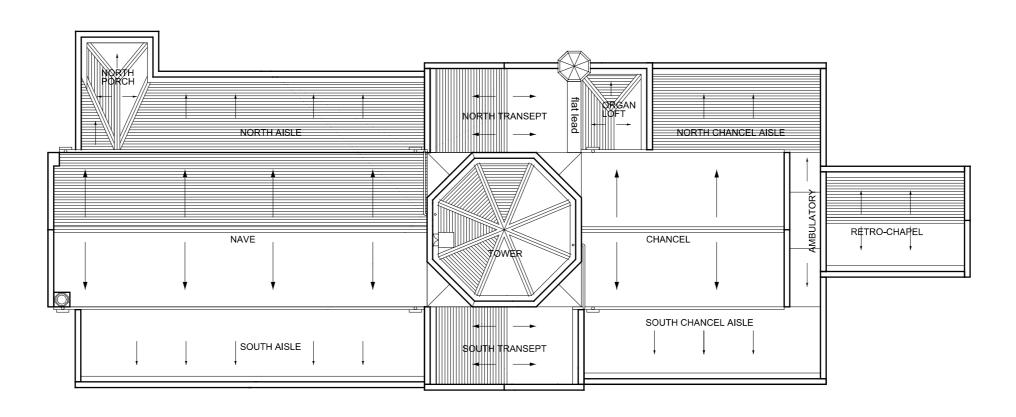


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**EXISTING GROUND FLOOR PLAN** 

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# |Appendix C

| Maintenance Plan



## MAINTENANCE PLAN - ST CHAD'S, BENSHAM

E/C External contractor

I/H In house inspection

X Applicable

A Architect quinquennial inspection

SE Structural engineer inspection

TF Timber specialist

\* Maintenance inspection/works utilising high level access

\*\* Maintenance I/H subject to suitable safety measure being put in place

Item no.	Location	Building element	Details of maintenance item	Details of inspection and maintenance	Legal consideration and responsibility	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Comments
A1	External	Roof coverings	Slates	Inspect for cracked, broken or missing slates with binoculars from ground. If required, maintain with new slate replacement using lead or copper tags	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to inspect from ground. If defects found, roofer to be employed									
A2	External	Roof coverings	Ridge tiles	Inspect for cracked or broken ridge tiles and missing mortar bedding. Replace/ repoint in NHL5 mortar	Health and Safety Legislation			E/C *			E/C *			E/C *		Architect to assist with or approve specification
A3	External	Roof coverings	Lead flashings and valleys	Inspect for splits/ defects. Replace sections of defective lead with new, appropriately coded for length and application	Health and Safety Legislation			E/C *			E/C *			E/C *		Architect to assist with or approve specification
B1	External	Rainwater disposal	Parapet gutters	Inspect for splits/ defects. Replace sections of defective lead with new, appropriately coded for length and application	Health and Safety Legislation			E/C *			E/C *			E/C *		Architect to assist with or approve specification
B2	External	Rainwater disposal	Out-board gutters fixed to rafters/facias, and downpipes	Inspect for leaking/ open joints and poor or loose fixings. Seal joints, repair fixings	Health and Safety Legislation			E/C *			E/C *			E/C *		
В3	External	Rainwater disposal	Parapet gutters	Maintenance inspection - Clear out debris and leaves to ensure free-flowing, including all outlets	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H **	Wardens/ volunteers to carry out cleaning, ensuring all safety precautions are met									
B4	External	Rainwater disposal	Out-board gutters fixed to rafters/facias, and downpipes	Maintenance inspection - Clear out debris and leaves to ensure free-flowing, including all outlets	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H **	Wardens/ volunteers to carry out cleaning, ensuring all safety precautions are met									
B5	External	Rainwater disposal	Out-board gutters fixed to rafters/facias, and downpipes	Maintenance - Rub down and repaint inside and out, ensuring all joints are sealed	Health and Safety Legislation						E/C					
B5	External	Rainwater disposal	Gullies	Maintenance - Clear out gullies, ensuring free from debris/ leaves etc, inspect for cracks	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to carry out cleaning									
B6	External	Rainwater disposal	Drainage	Maintenance inspection, cleaning / jetting out to ensure all flowing away from building freely	Health and Safety Legislation					E/C					E/C	Wardens/ volunteers to inspect and clear out gullies ensuring water flows away freely
C1	External	Masonry walling	Parapets and copings	Inspect for stability, ensuring joints are full. Remedial works to be specified if required	Health and Safety Legislation					A *					A *	Architect to assist with or approve specification
C2	External	Masonry walling	Spires, chimneys & bellcotes	Inspect for stability, ensuring joints are full. Remedial works to be specified if required	Health and Safety Legislation					E/C					E/C	Steeplejack to inspect.
C3	External	Masonry walling	Mortar pointing generally	Inspection of joints for loose mortar/ open joints	Health and Safety Legislation					A *					A *	
C4	External	Masonry walling	Mortar pointing generally	Maintenance of mortar joints - rake out and repoint open joints with lime:sand mortar, as identified by Architect	Health and Safety Legislation, Planning/ LBC					E/C					E/C	Architect to assist with or approve specification
C5	External	Masonry walling	Stone mouldings, window reveals, stringcourses and hoodmoulds	Inspect for newly developed, or developing cracks, particularly to the underside of rolls, with binoculars from ground. Raise any concerns with Architect	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	і/н	Staff/ volunteers to inspect using binoculars								

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C6	External	Masonry walling	Stone mouldings, window	Inspect for newly developed, or developing	Health and Safety Legislation											
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C6	External	Masonry walling	Stone mouldings, window	Allow for removal of any detaching	Health and Safety Legislation, Planning/											Architect to assist with or
			reveals, stringcourses and	stonework - indent with new carved	LBC					l .						approve specification
			hoodmoulds	sections, as identified by architect. Point up						E/C					E/C	
				any open joints in lime:sand mortar												
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C7	External	Masonry walling	Masonry in general	Inspect for stone erosion and new or	Health and Safety Legislation					l						SE to be called upon if deemed
				developing movement cracks in masonry						A *					A *	necessary by Architect
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C8	External	Masonry walling	Ventilation grilles	Clear of rubbish/ debris	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to clear
C9	External	Masonry walling	Bird netting	Ensure secure, without rips	Health and Safety Legislation					A *					A *	
C10	External	Masonry walling	Bird netting	Re-fix new netting using stainless steel	Health and Safety Legislation					E/C *					E/C *	
	ļ			fixings into masonry joints						'					, -	
D1	External	Woodwork	Timber window frames, facias,	Inspect woodwork for deterioration/ rot	Health and Safety Legislation					Α					Α	
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D2	External	Woodwork	Timber window frames, facias,	Carry out any timber repairs. Rub down and						F/C					F/C	
			bargeboards, door frames and	repaint all woodwork in external grade	LBC					E/C					E/C	
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E1	External	Hardstanding	Base of wall	Maintenance inspection of perimiter of	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H		I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to clear
				masonry walling, removing any vegetation		1/H	I/H	I/H	1/H	I/H	1/11	I/H	1/H	I/H	I/H	
E2	Extornal	Hardstanding	Access	growth  Maintenance and management of access	Health and Safety Legislation											Wardens/ volunteers to
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				safely enter the building												
E3	External	Boundary walls	Masonry stability and mortar	Inspection of joints for loose mortar/ open	Health and Safety Legislation				+							
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E4	External	Boundary walls	Masonry stability and mortar	Maintenance of stonework and mortar	Health and Safety Legislation, Planning/											Architect to assist with or
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			pointing generally	repoint open joints with lime:sand mortar,						E/C					E/C	approve specification
				as identified by Architect												
E5	External	Railings and gates	Metal work maintenance	Rub down and repaint all metalwork with	Health and Safety Legislation											Work could be carried out
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				The second secon						'					,	external contractor
F1	External	Services/	Lightning protection	To be serviced by lightning inspector	Health and Safety Legislation					-/-					- /-	
		protection		, , , , ,	, ,					E/C					E/C	
F2	External	Services/	External lighting	To be checked for servicability and	Health and Safety Legislation											Wardens/ volunteers to carry
		protection		function, bulbs replaced as necessary		I/H **	I/H **	I/H **	I/H **	I/H **	I/H **	out cleaning, ensuring all safety				
																precautions are met
G1	Internal	Roofs	Roof voids	Inspect for leaks and damp	Health and Safety Legislation					Α					Α	
G2	Internal	Roofs	Roof voids	Inspect timbers/ wall plates for signs of	Health and Safety Legislation											Architect to call upon SE or TF
				decay/ rot						A					Α	should any signs of
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																found
G3	Internal	Roofs	Roof structure	Inspect timbers for signs of decay/ rot	Health and Safety Legislation											Architect to call upon SE or TF
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										^					_ A	deterioration/ movement be
																found
G4	Internal	Roofs	Roof structure/ trusses	Inspect timbers and cast iron elements for	Health and Safety Legislation											Architect to call upon SE or TF
				signs of decay/ rot and displacement						A *					A *	should any signs of
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H1	Internal	Walls	Eaves level	Inspect for areas damp that may indicate	Health and Safety Legislation					A*					A *	
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H2	Internal	Walls	Low level	Inspect for areas damp that may indicate	Health and Safety Legislation											
		1		damp from external sources (high						Α					Α	
	1	1		pavement level/ blocked gullies)												
Н3	Internal	Walls	Below floor void	Inspect for areas damp that may indicate	Health and Safety Legislation											
		1		damp from external sources (high						Α					Α	
				pavement level/ blocked gullies)												
H4	Internal	Walls	Below floor void	Maintain clear ventilation through air	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to
				bricks/ vents			-,,,,				,,,,	,,,,		,,,,	.,,,,	maintain

l1	Internal	Surfaces	Painted walls	Repaint	Health and Safety Legislation					E/C					E/C	Architect to assist with or approve specification
12	Internal	Surfaces	Ceilings	Repaint	Health and Safety Legislation										E/C	Architect to assist with or approve specification
12	Internal	Surfaces	Cast iron work	Repaint	Health and Safety Legislation										E/C	Architect to assist with or approve specification
J1	Internal	Timber	Windows & doors	Inspect woodwork for deterioration/ rot	Health and Safety Legislation					А					Α	
J2	Internal	Timber	Windows & doors	Maintenance inspection of all ironmongery to ensure working effectively, and all openable windows can be easily opening for ventilation	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to maintain									
J3	Internal	Timber	Panelling, doors & skirtings	Maintenance wax treatment/repainting	Health and Safety Legislation					E/C					E/C	
J4	Internal	Timber	Timber structures generally	Inspect all timberwork embedded into masonry for signs of deterioration/ rot, particularly checking joists, under floors and in cupboards where close environments could lead to ideal conditions for rot	Health and Safety Legislation					А					Α	
K1	Internal	Services/ protection	Fire alarm system, fire extinguishers and other fire safety equipment	To be serviced by engineer	Health and Safety Legislation	E/C										
K2	Internal	Services/ protection	Fire alarm system	To be checked regularly (fire alarm test/drill)	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to maintain - test weekly, or as recommended									
К3	Internal	Services/ protection	Electrics generally, including power, lighting and audio installations, PAT	Inspection by engineer	Health and Safety Legislation			E/C			E/C			E/C		No legal timeframe - frequently enoughto ensure there is no chance of the installation being unsafe
K4	Internal	Services/ protection	Lighting/ audio installations	Maintenance to ensure all in working order	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to maintain									
K5	Internal	Services/ protection	Security alarm system	To be serviced by engineer	Health and Safety Legislation	E/C	At the discretion of the PCC - frequently enough to ensure in good working order									
K6	Internal	Services/ protection	Heating system	To be serviced by engineer	Health and Safety Legislation	E/C										
K7	Internal	Services/ protection	Hot and cold water supply	Inspected by engineer	Health and Safety Legislation					E/C					E/C	
К8	Internal	Equipment	Organ	To be serviced by engineer	Health and Safety Legislation		E/C									
К9	Internal	Equipment	Sanctuary lamps	Pulleys, chains and mechanism to be checked and oiled to ensure sound and secure	Health and Safety Legislation	E/C	Could be checked/inspected by competent person within parish or external contractor									
K10	Internal	Equipment	Clock mechanism	To be serviced by engineer	Health and Safety Legislation					E/C					E/C	
L1	Internal	Accessibility	Entrances	Maintain all entrances that enable ease of entry	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to maintain									
L2	Internal	Accessibility	Sanitary provisions	Maintain all sanitary facilities that enables ease of use to all visitors	Health and Safety Legislation	I/H	Wardens/ volunteers to maintain									