

TASK SPECIFIC STATEMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE AND NEED

Faculty 2018-021768 was raised to cover both urgent repairs in wake of a lead theft during major works to the Nave Roof and Sundry Associated Works. The urgent lead repairs were completed but much of the other work was not addressed to a lack of funding and subsequently the COVID19 pandemic.

The next Quinquennial Inspection (QI) took place in March 2021 and several items were identified and 12 month completion recommended. Again, the pandemic delayed progressing this work and scattered the few people who had managed the major works previously, leaving a residual team depleted in numbers, energy and experience.

The current 'Windows and Masonry Repairs' faculty addresses all higher priority items raised by the 2021 QIR and generally includes the residual items from the 2018-021768 items.

RAINWATER GOODS

Outline Statement of Significance

Rainwater on the north side of the church from both the Chancel and Aisle roofs is collected in roof gullies and led to a ground gulley by downpipes; nave roof rainwater is delivered to the aisle roof through lead chutes. Interestingly, and for no apparent reason, the south side Chancel and Aisle roofs drain through lead spouts. The tower roof drains northward through a spout,

Outline Statement of Need

One of the south side lead spouts is damaged and is to be repaired.

The north side rainwater goods are in reasonable condition and are to be repaired as necessary and redecorated. There is a rather agricultural rainwater collection butt that will be appropriately replaced. The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.

AISLE PARAPET STONEMWORK REPAIRS

Outline Statement of Significance

The north side parapets are plain masonry and the roof is covered in milled lead. The structural timberwork is historic and much repaired.

The south side parapets are pierced quatrefoils and the roof is covered in sand cast lead. The structural timberwork appears to be an entirely replacement oak structure albeit with some reuse of some common rafters and mostly a 19th century repair.

Outline Statement of Need

The parapet stonework is generally suffering open jointing of the parapets, in some cases caused by rust jacking from the cramps inserted to secure them.

The south aisle parapet has mortar cracking at the west end. The parapet masonry for the most part is in reasonably good condition but for the most part is live, i.e. most joints have hairline fractures, and several sections of coping are movable. Each coping is linked with an iron cramp, covered with lead and there is corrosion jacking in the few places where lead has opened up. Several sections of the pierced work fissured; conservation work is needed. It is notable that the parapet leans outward some 40mm in places. As elsewhere the parapet requires rebuilding.

The north aisle parapet has pointing cracking, mostly where parapet copings are live. The masonry, large ashlar blocks, is generally in good order. Many of the joints mostly vertical, are suffering from hairline cracks. There is a 1.5mm vertical crack through coping and joint opposite east jamb western window. Several coping units of the north side slightly live. No cramps are visible except the east parapet where there is some corrosion and cracking. The parapet needs rebuilding. The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.

WINDOW REPAIRS

The high-level clerestory windows were repaired as part of the nave roof repairs. A major repair to the Lady Chapel window was conducted as part of the chancel roof repair. This task is to repair the remaining ground level windows and is described in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.

Outline Statement of Significance

The aisle windows are all straight headed three-light windows and the chapel windows are ogee arched in square frames. The late Perpendicular chancel east window has five lights, under a fourcentred arch and with a transom in the tracery. The west window is a fine, four-light window with two-light sub-arches and incorporates some medieval glass. There are views of the three different types of window in the full statement of significance that has also been uploaded.

Many of the windows have been repaired but it seems that the repairs have all been sympathetically undertaken and the windows still reflect the original designer's intent.

Outline Statement of Need

The windows are in varying states of repair with the majority needing repointing and several needing more substantial stone repairs. The intention is to engage a conservator to sympathetically repair all the ground floor windows. One particularly needy task is

repair of the Vestry window opening light. The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.

WEST DOOR REPAIRS

This is external work as the inside has been addressed as part of the Tower Room activities.

Outline Statement of Significance

The west door has a two-centre arch with an ogee pinnacle that breaches the window cill.

Outline Statement of Need

The west door masonry surrounds have extensive decay, with prominent mouldings in the arch affected by carbon deposits and badly laminated and in need of repair.

The pair of oak doors are sealed shut but in reasonably sound condition. There are small amounts of timber decay to the bottom rails and the feet of the stiles to be attended to.

The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.

MINOR INTERNAL TASKS

There are two minor internal tasks with self-evident need:

1. The decayed edge of the grey sandstone Chancel step is to be repaired.
2. A fractured pin in the nave south arcade has fractured and partnered stainless steel pins will be inserted.

CHURCHYARD SOUTH GATE PIERS

Outline Statement of Significance

The Gate piers, lamp overthrow and flanking churchyard walls are Grade II listed. They are circa 1800. The piers are of fluted Douling ashlar, 2 metres high with pyramidal capping's supporting wrought iron lamp overthrow.

Outline Statement of Need

The gate overthrow requires repair to the stone interfaces where significant rust has undermined the iron. Stone repairs to the apex of the gate piers are also required where the rust has fractured the masonry.

REPOINTING

Outline Statement of Significance

The South Porch is an integral part of the Grade 1 listing of the church and is the main access to the church. Like the rest of the church, the porch is s Doulted rubble and ashlar, with a lead roof. The porch roof was recovered in 208 following lead theft, the timbers repaired, and masonry secured. The Aisles masonry is to be secured as part of these works.

Outline Statement of Need

This task is associated with repairs to the Porch, the windows and there are also various areas of the Aisles in need of attention. The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works and include repointing some 25 square metres of walls on the South Aisle, North Aisle and Porch as well as completely repointing the west wall of the Porch after repair.

GROUND LEVEL DRAINAGE CHANNEL REPAIRS

Outline Statement of Significance

The Rainwater around the building is collected in a stone-built channel that falls to the northeast corner of the chancel where there are outlets to soakaways. This ground gulley is understood to have been built in the 18th or 19th century to reduce the damp penetrating the church walls.

The channel around the chancel was rebuilt during the recently completed repairs to that roof.

Outline Statement of Need

The recent rebuild around the chancel showed the gulley to be in a very poor state. The base and churchyard side had deteriorated such that rainwater was not contained and the battering on the church wall side had mainly failed. With little foundation supporting the chancel walls there was little barrier to damp penetration. Also, as the east end of the church is the lowest point in the surrounding churchyard it regularly became a very wet corner.

Inspections indicate that the situation with the ground gulley is little different further west on the north and south walls of the church so there is a need to repair these lengths of gulley to help dry out the church internally. The north side gulley and the south side gulley, west of the porch is to be rebuilt and catch pits formed for spout discharge where appropriate. The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.

LEAD WORK

Outline Statement of Significance

All church roofs are covered with lead and several panels of old lead bearing graffiti are lead burned onto the covering.

Outline Statement of Need

One graffiti panel on the Chancel needs a blister repaired. There are creep ridges on south Aisle to be repaired. One spout needs to be repaired and straightened. The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.

VESTRY REDECORATION

Outline Statement of Significance

The Chancel roof above the Vestry was in poor condition and the Vestry was very damp. The Chancel roof was repaired in 2017 and the Vestry has now dried out but is in poor decorative order.

Outline Statement of Need

The Vestry plaster is to be repaired and walls recoated. The repair tasks are defined in more detail in the Church Architect's Schedule of Works.