

St Catherine's Church, Drayton, Somerset

Details and specification for new mosaic pavement to be installed in front of the porch of the church.

The new mosaic pavement forms part of the successful grant application made in 2025 for the replacement of the slate roof on the north side of the nave of the church along with an exhibition of church treasures and associated community and ecological activities.

The design for the new mosaic pavement has been made by artist, stone carver and conservator Nick Durnan. Nick has extensive experience of stone mosaic design and installation having worked on the Cosmati Pavement at Westminster Abbey, has designed and installed a "Roman Mosaic" in Lopen Church, Somerset, made a new cosmatesque mosaic for St Martin's Church in Salisbury and made and installed a new cosmatesque mosaic around the high altar at Buckfast Abbey in Devon.

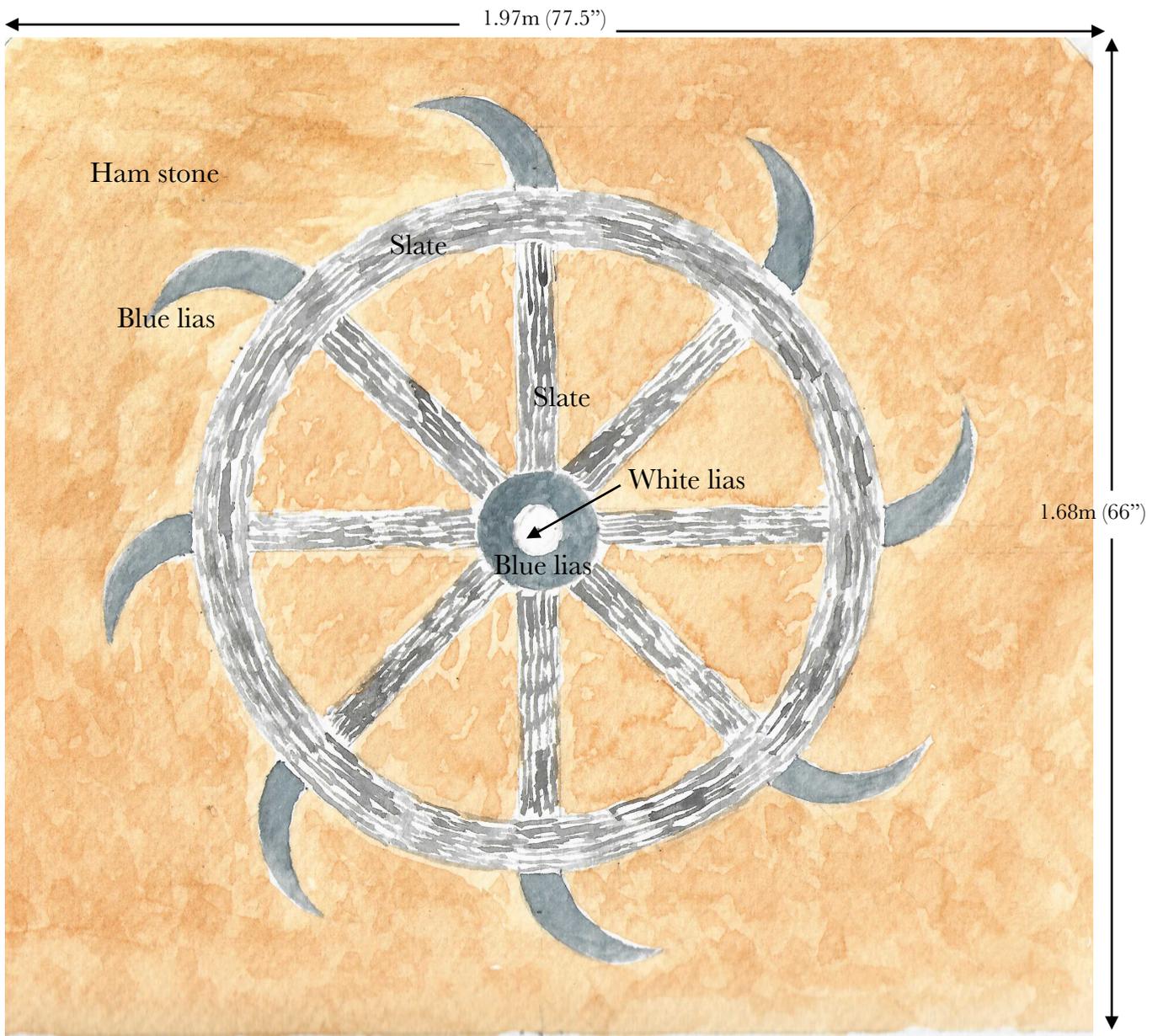
The design is based on the traditional St Catherine's Wheel symbol which appears in the church in stained glass and embroidery and will be 1.97m by 1.68m in size. The design will be made of local stone and edge bedded slates either reclaimed from the roof if their condition is sound enough or using new Welsh slates. The other stones used will be Ham Hill limestone, Blue Lias and White Lias. These are all illustrated on the attached design drawing. There is a precedent for using vertical edge bedded slates for the new footbridge at Tintagel Castle.

The thickness of the stone mosaic components will range from 75mm to 50mm, The existing stone path will be lifted and the footings and foundation will be checked for depth to ensure stability for the laying of the new mosaic. A minimum 100mm depth of hardcore will be deemed necessary. The surface of the Ham and Lias stone will be tooled or textured to ensure a non slip surface. The stone will be bedded and grouted in a cream coloured St Astier NHL 3.5 hydraulic lime mortar.

There has been universal approval for the design and concept of the mosaic from the PCC and the village community.

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Design sketch by Nick Durnan for a mosaic pavement in front of the porch at Drayton Church, Somerset

Location of  
proposed mosaic  
pavement



Delabole slate edge bedded for the new bridge at Tintagel Castle

