

# St James' Church, Wick



## The Roof Project 2017

## GRANT OF A FACULTY

The Church in Wales  
In the Diocesan Court of Llandaff

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The Rectorial Benefice of Llantwit Major  
The Church of St James  
Faculty no. 3141

**I grant a Faculty to the Rector and Churchwardens to carry out the following work:**

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To repair and renew the roof, subject to:

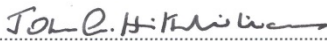
1. DAC technical members approving the choice of replacement stone for the copings prior to the commencement of work
2. Cadw being notified of the date of commencement and duration of the work

### **The Reasons for the Grant**

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1. By resolution dated 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 the PCC has resolved to support this application for Faculty
2. After display of a Notice in Form 2 for 28 days, no objections have been received
3. The provisions of the Faculty Procedural Rules have been complied with
4. The Diocesan Advisory Committee recommends that this Faculty be granted
5. Upon a consideration of the papers it appears just and expedient to grant this Faculty

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016



Diocesan Chancellor

*Under Rule 29(3) the Grant of a Faculty shall be implemented within a period of 5 years from the date hereof, otherwise the Grant shall lapse*

*The Grant of a Faculty was the formal approval for proceeding with work on the roof*

St James' Church is a Grade II\* listed building dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. There was major restoration work in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and some repair work in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, but there have recently been problems with the roof, the walls and the tower, which have limited the use of the building. There are regular religious services, but the church council wishes to ensure that it remains a safe and welcoming environment and that it serves the needs of the wider community.

As part of a programme of restoration work, during 2017 we have replaced the roof. This report explains what we did.



## What we did

- We agreed that the whole roof should be replaced, not just the nave and porch roofs
- We approached several organisations for financial support, almost all of whom responded positively
- We set up a web site at [www.wickchurch.wales](http://www.wickchurch.wales)
- We enlisted the support of our local school in providing material for the site
- We set up a JustGiving page with support from the National Churches Trust
- We accepted the lowest tender for the work, despite this being over our budget
- We agreed with our architect, the diocesan authorities, Cadw and major donors to change the specification of the slates

- We delivered information about the project to every house in the village before work started
- We raised funds through a Tea Party and a Garden Party at a local farm
- We invited people to sponsor a slate and to write something to be discovered in hundreds of years' time when the roof is next repaired
- We celebrated when the work was nearly finished with a service at which the sponsored slates were blessed
- We got the work finished and the scaffolding down days before a long-planned wedding

### What went wrong (or not quite right)

- At the first attempt, the scope of the project was too broad and was rejected by possible funders
- When we received an offer of grant, it did not cover everything that we wanted to do
- A top-up grant, which we had hoped would fund the remainder of the work on the roof, only covered a proportion of the cost, so we had to seek further funding
- Tenders for the work proved to be considerably higher than budget, so we had to consider whether the specification of the slates should be revised and how to raise the additional funds
- A proofing error in the flier distributed around the village may have cost us some online donations before corrective action was taken
- Damaged timbers, only discovered when the slates were removed, had to be replaced, but this was within the scope of our budgeted contingency

### What we learned

- That we can manage this sort of project
- That we need to be bold and confident in our decisions
- That there are all sorts of people who want to help



*A pupil from Wick & Marcross Church in Wales Primary School has a message for the future*

## What comes next

We hope to continue with restoration work to ensure that the church is a safe and welcoming environment for the regular congregation, the wider community and visitors. Next on our list is repairing the walls and tower. When we are able to do this will depend on funding for the work.

Meanwhile, we are conscious of the need for regular routine maintenance and a maintenance plan has been prepared as a separate document.

## What it cost

	£
Main contract	100,788
Architects' fees	11,519
Bat survey	789
Asbestos survey	395
VAT on the above	22,698
Publicity (including VAT)	404
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,593</b>



*Slates old and new*

## Where the money came from

	£
Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund	76,500
National Churches Trust	8,000
Wolfson Foundation in association with ChurchCare	7,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	5,000
AllChurches Trust	2,000
2 other charitable trusts	6,000
Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (VAT)	22,698
Friends of St James' Church	3,500
Own resources and fundraising	5,895
<b>Total</b>	<b>136,593</b>



## Timeline

28 June 2016	Offer of Grant from Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund for repair of nave and porch roofs
5 September 2016	Parochial Church Council approves application for Faculty
30 October 2016	Grant of Faculty
12 December 2016	Offer of Grant from National Churches Trust towards work on chancel and vestry roofs
18 March 2017	Website goes live at <a href="http://www.wickchurch.wales">www.wickchurch.wales</a>
30 March 2017	Tenders invited
11 May 2017	3 tenders received
12 May 2017	Tea Party with entertainment by children from Wick & Marcross Church in Wales Primary School
3 June 2017	Wick Village Fete, with refreshments provided by the church
13 June 2017	Contract awarded to Peter Bricknell & Co following agreement to change specification for the slates
8 July 2017	Garden Party at Green Isha Farm
10 July 2017	Work commences
7 August 2017	Benefice lunch in aid of the project
27 August 2017	Service with blessing of the slates
13 October 2017	Certificate of Practical Completion issued



*Slates with information and messages for future generations around the altar before a service during which they were blessed. They were placed on the chancel roof in the days following the service.*



## Project partners

Parochial Church Council of the Rectorial Benefice of Llantwit Major

Davies Sutton Architects

Penhevad Studios, Penhevad Street, Grangetown, Cardiff, CF11 7LU

Peter Bricknell & Co, Conservation Contractors

Llanfair Fach Farm, Heol St-y-Nyll, Capel Llanilltern, Cardiff CF5 6HF



2 other charitable trusts, which do not wish publicity for their donations

The people of Wick and their families and friends from further afield

*Thank you to everyone involved*





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