

Supporting Documentation

Stalybridge St Paul – Windows

Note to parish

This bundle includes all the supporting documentation to your faculty application as required under Rule 5.5 of the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019.

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Caroline Hilton, DAC Secretary



19 July 2022

We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following-

Please describe the works or other proposals for which a faculty is sought in the way recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in its Notification of Advice.

SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS

The repair of a number of cracked or broken panes of glass in our high level windows to the south side of the church. These include 3 south clerestory windows; a Hexafoil in the South transept balcony and a Trefoil in the South Transept balcony. The location of and photos of these can be found in the Statement of Needs which has been uploaded separately.

Copies of the Standard Information Form and any drawings, plans, specifications, photographs or other documents showing the proposals must be provided with this petition.

Statement of Needs

St Paul, Stalybridge

Approved by the PCC on 18/11/2020

Section 1 – General information

Parish:	St Paul, Stalybridge
Diocese:	Chester
Address:	Huddersfield Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire, SK15 2PT
OS Grid Ref:	970987
Local Planning Authority:	Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
Statutory Listing:	Grade 2

The parish of Stalybridge: St Paul stretches away from the centre of Stalybridge along Mottram Road (A6108) to the south and west of the church, and the River Tame to the north west. Huddersfield Road (B6175), a busy arterial route connecting a number of smaller settlements along the Tame valley, runs along the northern boundary of the church grounds. A large proportion of the parish covers moorland, but it is densely populated along the valley. Due to the building of a number of new housing estates since the 1960s the population of the parish now stands at 9,896.

According to Church Urban Fund data the parish is ranked 3,861 out of 12,508 meaning that the parish is relatively deprived compared with other parishes in the country, although there is a diverse socioeconomic mix in the parish. St Paul's church commands a dominant position in the heart of the neighbourhood standing above the busy B6175. Floodlighting enhances the building's iconic features after dark.

To the east of the church is Copley Mill. Originally the church was built to serve the workers of this mill from the growing numbers of terraced housing that bordered it and the church to the south. Post war building of social housing extended the residential area around the entire boundary of the church graveyard. This area is now an area of higher deprivation than average (CUF). There is still a strong connection between the community and St Paul's. The population is relatively static and therefore many people still recognise this church as the place where family members were buried, married and christened.

St Paul's has two Sunday morning services. The usual Sunday attendance at the 8am service is 15 people, whilst at the 10:30am service it is 100. The early service is mainly retirement age whilst the later service has a wide range of ages represented, from birth to 90s, with a growing number of young families. There is provision for our young people alongside the service in Junior Church. We average 35 children on a weekly basis. Once a month we celebrate our all-age service where the whole community worships together and we are joined by our Brownies and Guides. There is also a weekly communion each Thursday at 11am that has approximately 15 communicants of retirement age. There are 138 people on the electoral roll, the church is growing, and the age profile is lowering.

In addition, throughout the year, St Paul's Church has many baptisms (typically 35 per year), weddings (typically 5 per year), and funerals (typically 8 per year). There is a monthly Messy Church that attracts on average 50 people and special services throughout the year with attendance rising up to 270 at some of our Christmas services. The church is also used

regularly by three local primary schools and for services. The availability of a good organ, a Steinway piano, good acoustics and ample seating makes it a sought after venue. For example during 2022 we are hosting an Adult learners workshop day and concert; the Pennine Singers group; a local piano teacher's students who perform two concerts.

The church is accessible during the week between 8 and 10am, and a range of community centred activities go on in our Centre rooms (located at the back of the main worship space but separated from it by partition walls) throughout the week. These are a pre and after school club; a toddler group; Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; a Karate class; Lunch Club and Knit and Stitch. A well-equipped kitchen enables us to hold a Luncheon club here once a fortnight and there is a monthly Coffee Morning and two fairs a year when we open up the church to our community. These activities bring the church into contact with people who are not necessarily church members as does regular contact with schools within the parish. In addition the rooms are used for Choir practice; for the Alpha course, church meetings such as PCC, and various training/teaching events as well as Church social events.

St Paul's has struggled financially in recent times. It has managed to pay between 75% of its parish share quota for the last three years leaving us no reserve as a consequence.

The last Quinquennial was in July 2020. The urgent and immediate work is in hand or completed. However within 18 months we are scheduled to seek to repairs to our glazing.

Section 2 – What is needed

The repair of a number of high level clear/coloured glass window panes to the south side of the church, see below:

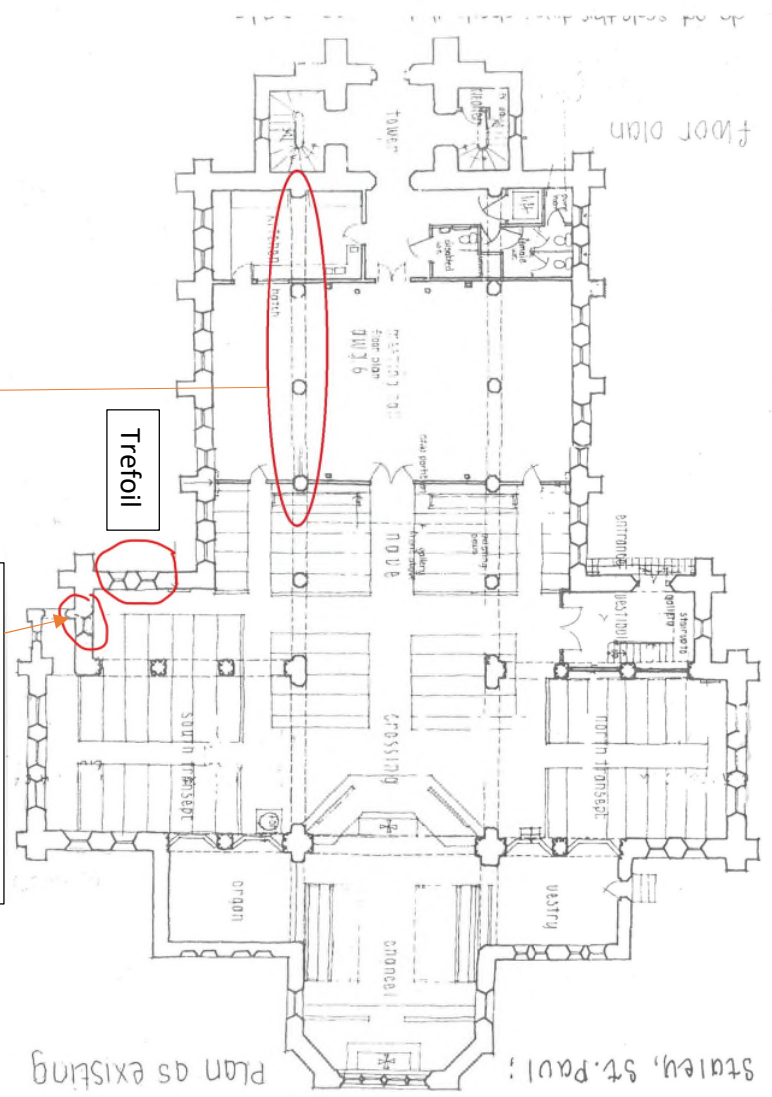
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The location of these windows:



The south clerestory windows:

South Transept Hexafoil





South Transept Hexafoil:



South Transept Trefoil:



Section 3 – The proposals

After receiving 3 quotes for this work we have selected to employ Ashley (see quotes uploaded separately) who have agreed to fix these panes of glass.

Section 4 – Why this is needed

The cracked glazing exposes the rooms below to ingress of rainwater and means warm air is sucked out. Given the cost of heating such a large space it is important to get these gaps in the glazing fixed as this will conserve energy and prevent further damage to the exposed panes. In the case of the South Transept Hexafoil this repair is aesthetic.



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Statutory Listing:	Grade 2
Conservation Area:	Yes – Copley Conservation Area
Scheduled Monument:	The graveyard contains war graves
Tree Preservation Orders:	Yes – on many of the trees around the boundaries to the Huddersfield Road side of the church
Protected Species:	None
County Wildlife Site:	None

Setting the scene

History

St Paul's was built between 1837 and 1839 and was consecrated on 9th October 1839. An Ecclesiastical District (part of the township of Staley in Mottram Parish) was assigned in 1840. Later the size of the parish was reduced when, in 1848, an area was transferred to the Lancashire parish of Friezland: Christ Church, and again in 1863 when part of the parish was transferred to the new parish of St James', Millbrook.

Church setting and its place in the town

The church and its graveyard stand on Huddersfield Road, one of the main routes out of Stalybridge leading, eventually, to Yorkshire. The church is about half a mile from the centre of the town. To the south is Copley housing estate. Facing the church across Huddersfield Road is St Paul's Primary School and beyond that the River Tame and the Huddersfield narrow canal. To the north and the south is housing.

Stalybridge has seen substantial development in recent years and a number of private housing estates have been added to the existing stock of private and social housing in the parish and the population of this parish currently stands at around 9,896 (CUF, March 2019).

The development of the church centre in the 1990s has meant that the church building is in use throughout the week by a pre and after school club; a mums and tots group; Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; a brass band, and Slimming World. A luncheon club is also held here once a fortnight and there is a monthly Messy Church and a Coffee Morning. These activities bring the church into contact with people who are not necessarily church members as does regular contact with schools within the parish.

Description of the church

The church was designed by Richard Tattersall, a Manchester architect, in the Gothic style in imitation of thirteenth century models. It is built in hammer-dressed stone with ashlar dressings and fish-scale slate roof. In 1874 The chancel was extended and the north transept added designed by W.H.Brakspear of Manchester. The scheme involved removing the organ from the west gallery and siting it on the south side of the extended chancel. To complete the scheme, the south transept was added and consecrated in 1899. A scheme to extend the burial ground was completed in 1897.

In 1984 the church was rededicated after work on the roof, an outbreak of dry rot and restoration of the fire-damaged vestry.

In 1991, following the discovery of serious dry rot damage, a decision was taken to develop the church building as both a worship centre and community resource as part of the work of restoration. New upper and lower rooms were created together with a professional standard kitchen. A new entrance on the north side of the church was created. The scheme was designed by Graham Holland Associates. The final phase of the project, which involved the restoration of the organ was completed in 2011.

The churchyard was closed to new burials in 1991 and is now maintained by Tameside MBC under the terms of the Local Government Act 1972. As part of the church restoration project, the churchyard was landscaped and the majority of the headstones removed. There are 57 unmarked war graves in the old part of the churchyard. In 1997 a memorial commissioned by the Commonwealth War Graves

Commission and bearing the names of those buried in the war graves at St Paul's was dedicated in the north side of the grave yard overlooking Huddersfield Road.

St Paul's church and the original burial ground (but not the extension) is within the Copley Conservation Area. The church is a grade II listed building.

Items of significance

Among the stained-glass windows are about 20 by the Carponnier firm of Brussels installed c1850-1890, and a fine sanctuary window by William Wailes of Newcastle on Tyne from 1857. Windows in the north and south transepts are from the firm of Jones & Willis of Birmingham. Our peal of eight bells were cast in 1853 by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and recast in 1929.

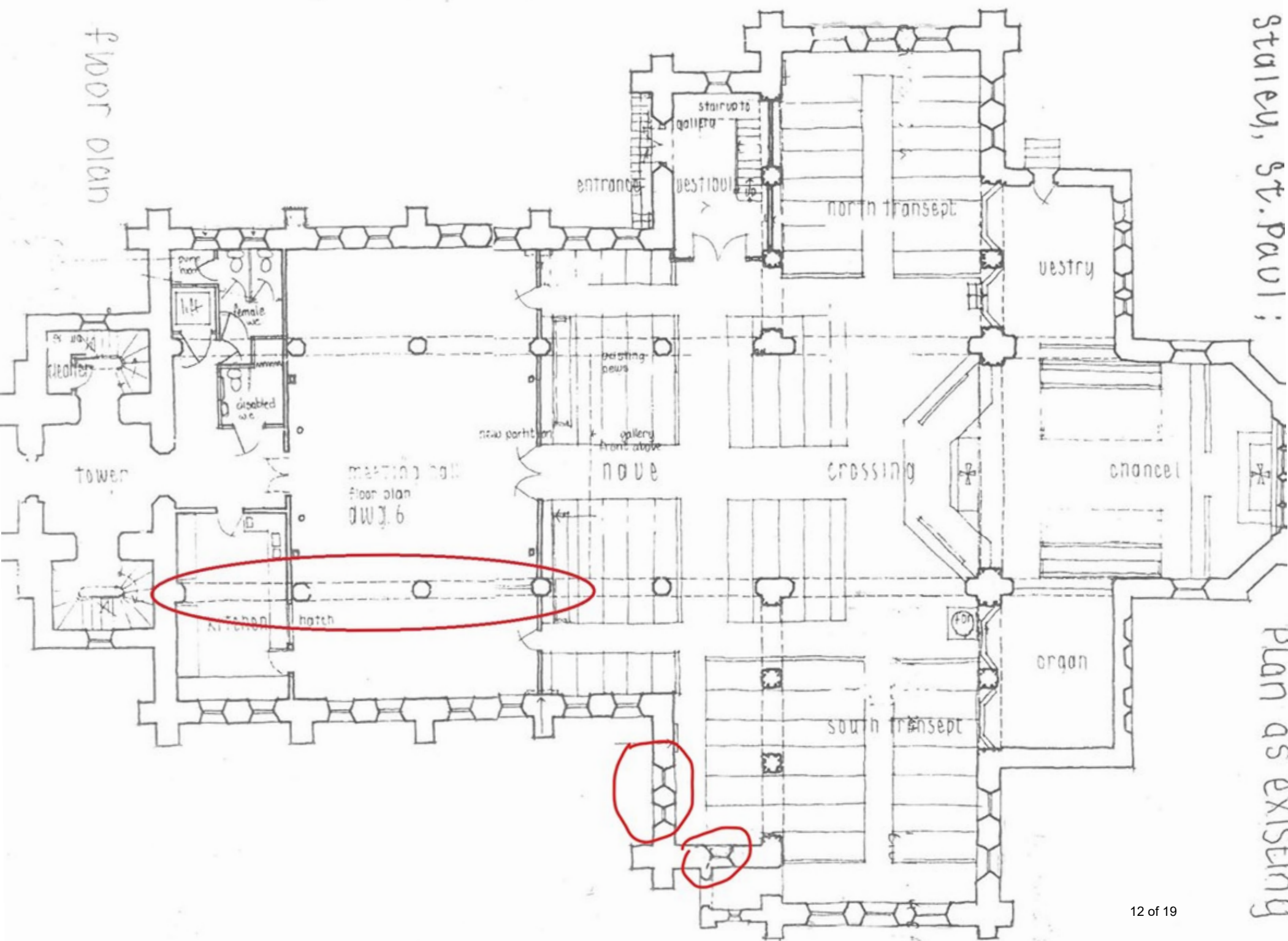
Our Hill organ was originally placed in the west gallery in 1844 and has undergone a number of enhancements and restorations.

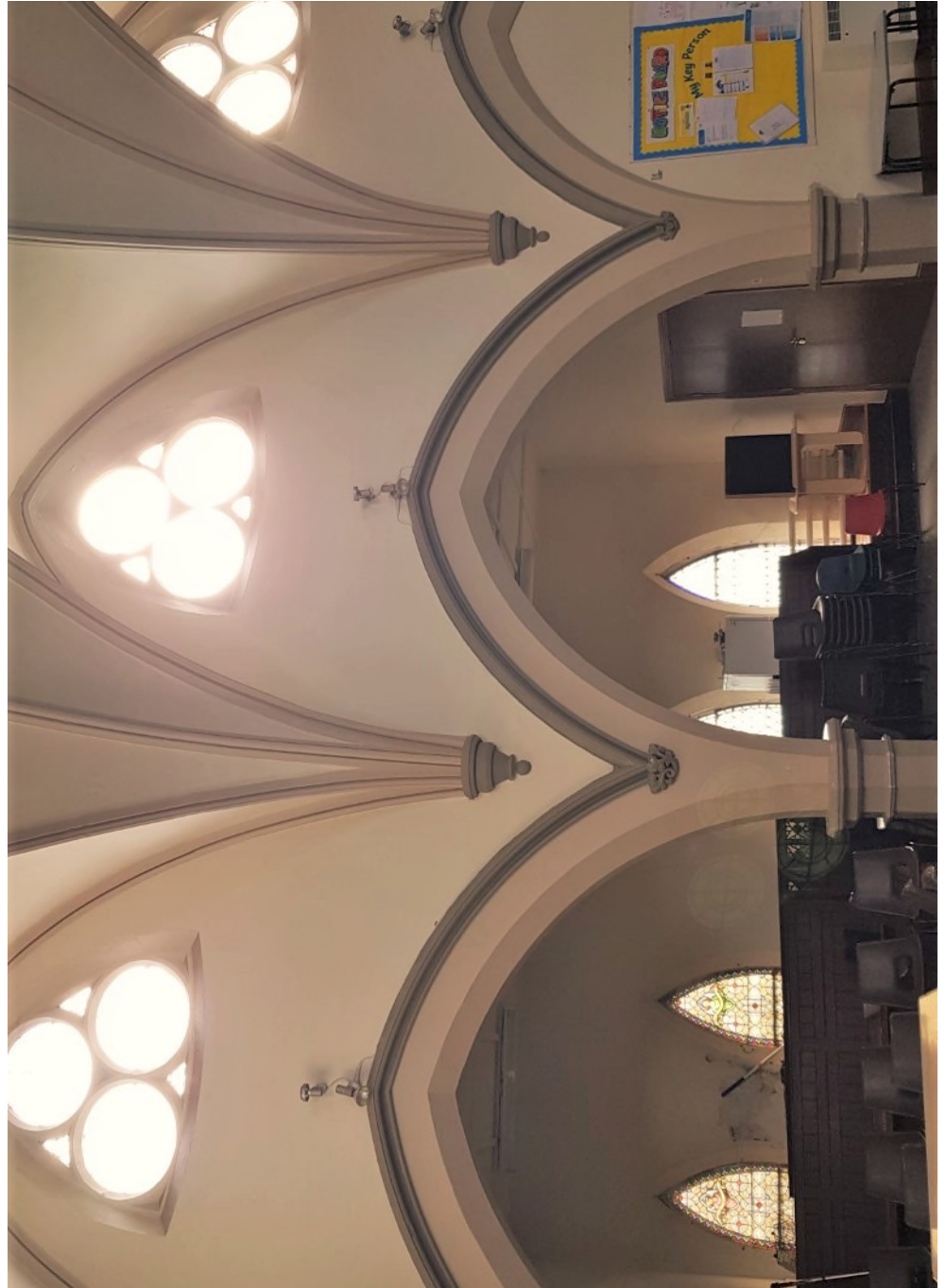
The text of the Lord's Prayer on the wall of the sanctuary was revealed during the restoration work at the end of the last century and has been retained.

Staley, St. Paul;

Plan as existing

floor plan











From: Ashley [<mailto:ashley@ashleystainedglass.co.uk>]
Sent: 23 November 2021 14:47
To: 'Carl Thorgaard - Graham Holland Associates'
Subject: RE: Re; Stalybridge St Paul in-situ window repairs

Hi Carl.

Breakdown of costs as requested.

To repair damaged leaded lights in position, matching the existing as near as possible using clear restoration glass, the cost to repair the 3 No south clearstory windows to upper lounge, 8 individual breakages = **£500**

Then, a separate figure for the releading (not repaired in situ) triangular trefoil window accessed from the vestry loft storage area in glass to match as near as possible = **£986**

Then, the repair damaged leaded lights in position to the large 'hexafoil' round window with coloured centre glass pane broken, 5 individual breakages = **£320**

Ashley.

Stalybridge St Paul - Correspondence with parish and others

Attachments are listed according to the numbering on the supporting documents list

- Attachments in blue are included within the proposals section

Date	Message										
<p>21/03/2022</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Peter Leitch</p> <p>With attachments</p>	<p>This enquiry for the window repairs has been sent to a number of companies, many of which we are still chasing for a quote!</p> <p>Hope the photos and this information is sufficient</p> <p><u>Those contacted include:</u></p> <p>The Stained Leaded Glass Company Cheshire Stained Glass Selwyn Stained Glass</p> <p>Design glass – too busy</p> <p>Responses from: Lightfoots Ashley</p> <p>We enquire if you are willing to provide a quotation to carry out a number of in-situ (off site) repairs to broken panes in the south facing clerestory windows, and two windows accessible from the south transept balcony</p> <p>I attach a plan shown the location of the breakages. There’s a meeting room (upper lounge) at first floor level and access to the aisle roof can be gained via the tower through a hatch and permanent roof ladders.</p> <p>If you need to get in, it’s best to contact me Peter Leitch on 07800 021437.</p> <p>We would like to separate out the prices for the separate areas in restoration or clear glass and also a price for clerestory window external protection so we can consider the costs to our available budget.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="491 1682 1390 1895"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Restoration glass</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>8 No -South Clerestory Windows</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>External 6mm clear UV polycarb sheet - 1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Transept Hexafoil</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Transept Triangular Trefoil</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Restoration glass	8 No -South Clerestory Windows		External 6mm clear UV polycarb sheet - 1		South Transept Hexafoil		South Transept Triangular Trefoil	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your location is important so I can assess the travelling or delivery costs. St Pauls Church, Stalybridge, Cheshire, SK15 2PT • Photos of your windows, better than a 1000 words! See attached photos • Sizes and quantities. As listed above and from photos • Number and colour of broken panes. Mostly plain glass with some coloured to match as per photos • If you require new frames, what material? Upvc or Hardwood. No frames required • If you would like a new design perhaps you could send some examples of the type of design you prefer. No new designs <p>Please contact me. our architect Carl Thorgaard - Graham Holland Associates or The Revd. Emma Handley if you have any queries.</p> <p>4) Plan 5) Photographs</p>
<p>24/03/2022</p> <p>To: Peter Leitch From: Katy Purvis</p>	<p>Sorry for the delay in replying, I'm afraid I think this will need faculty under the latest rules, but I don't think it will be controversial, so should get through DAC quite easily. If you can find anything that dates this glass as post 1960, then we can sort it out under List B, but I don't think it is likely to be as modern as that</p>
<p>30/06/2022</p> <p>To: Emma Handley From: Caroline Hilton</p>	<p>I am writing to let you know that at its meeting of 24 June 2022 the DAC considered the faculty application for repairs to windows and it resolved to recommend the scheme.</p> <p>This means I can raise the Notification of Advice which will allow you to proceed with the public notice period. I will send you an email letting you know once I have carried this out and with instructions of what to do next to progress the faculty application.</p> <p>If you have any queries please do let me know.</p>