

St Thomas Church Weobley

Redecoration and Maintenance report to PPC 2025

Ongoing maintenance

1. Given the age and Grade 2 status of the church and presbytery there will be continuing maintenance as issues arise.

Refurbishment and redecoration of the church

1. Following receipt of the Cardiff Diocese HCC faculty, the redecoration of the church commenced on January 14th 2025 and was successfully completed on February 5th 2025.

The work was undertaken by SC Joseph and Sons and completed within the allotted time.

The redecorated church has been praised by the HCC Secretary and committee.

2. Documents : The specification for the interior refurbishment dated 6/4/24, the HCC Form 5 Faculty document dated 27/6/24, the final approval document dated 19/7/24 from James Crowley HCC Secretary and the commencement and completion certificates dated 15/1/25 & 5/2/25 should be stored with St Thomas Church documents (or perhaps in the Belmont Abbey archive) and a copy of each has been handed to the PPC Chairperson.

Balcony window repair

1. The opening light of the balcony window has distorted and now no longer closes properly, the side screens of the opening light have also deteriorated.

2. One of the leaded lights has an impact hole and it should be replaced.

Both of these repairs should be undertaken by a historic glazing specialist.

Church porch

A parishioner has suggested that the church porch interior should be refurbished.

There may be two options :

1. repaint the walls and wainscoting woodwork in a pale colour – a less costly but impermanent `fix`.

2. cure the damp problem which may be from the walls or floor or both. If walls, check and if necessary reduce external soil levels, then remove the wainscoting and possibly render the walls internally with a self coloured penetrating damp resistant plaster, eg. hydraulic lime or similar. If floor then by uplifting the present flooring, excavate and insert a damp proof layer linked to the walls, lay a cement rich screed and refix the existing flooring. Consequentially the entrance door will have to be trimmed to suit the new floor level and rehung. Obviously this will be a much costlier option and quotations will be required.

3. Any major work will require Cardiff Diocese HCC consent.