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<b>Diocese:</b>	Llandaff	<b>Archdeaconry:</b>	Margam
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## Statement of Needs

### General information

St James' Church, Wick is one of twelve churches constituting the newly formed Rectorial Benefice of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast. The building is regularly used for a Sunday Eucharist and at least one service during the week as well as for school services and other events. There was a major project in 2017 to replace the roof, which was achieved with positive support from local people and several grants. The church council is now turning its attention to other problem areas.

### What is needed?

Repairs to north wall of the tower.

### The proposal

- 1 Repair high-level vertical crack by raking out mortar joints and inserting stainless steel reinforcement, making good the cracks by filling with lime mortar.
- 2 Repair badly degraded facing stone by piecing in new stone and/or locally consolidating as required.

### Why?

The proposal seeks to ensure that the church building remains safe and in good order, both for present-day church and churchyard users and for future generations. The work is being undertaken now so as to avoid any further deterioration in the fabric of the building and as the DAC has suggested that it should be given priority.

### Justification

The proposal recognises the responsibility to maintain this Grade II\* listed building as an important part of the heritage while meeting the needs of the church and the wider community.