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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 stonework around south-east chancel window

The proposal

The remedial works will aim to consolidate the friable stonework and create barriers to prevent further damage from water ingress on the delaminated stone areas. All the delaminating stone will be grouted, followed by capping of the grouted fissures with appropriate mortar aiming to achieve a harmonious match of strength, texture and colour with the original stone surface. An attempt will be made to remove the hard cement next to the affected masonry in order to replace it with lime-based mortar. However, if the procedure proves to be too disruptive then only the consolidation of the friable stone will take place.

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.

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.