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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?

Repositioning of the altar away from the damp east wall and making good the damaged wall.

### The proposal

This proposal involves:

- Separating the altar from the east wall,
- Cleaning and photographing the memorial currently obscured by the altar base;
- Repositioning the mensa slab and supporting it with two new stone walls; and
- Making good the damp-damaged wall.

### Why?

The proposal seeks to ensure that the church building remains safe and in good order for future generations. In doing so, the aim is both to improve perception of the heritage features, including the pre-reformation altar slab and the currently obscured memorial, and to enhance worship. This follows on from external repointing of the chancel walls.

### Justification

The proposal recognises the responsibility to provide a venue suited to modern-day worship and to maintain this Grade II\* listed building as an important part of the heritage.