



WHAT'S HAPPENING? Building Works at St Peter's Church



Here at St Peter's, we are committed to ensuring this ancient and historic building is fit for the many and creative ways we seek to serve in the centre of Chester, both now and for generations to come. To this end, over the last few years, we have been exploring a range of ideas to repair and redevelop our church building and in 2022 we appointed a team of professionals to advise us through this process.

As part of the building development plan, we had a detailed survey carried out in January 2023 that revealed an issue with the east wall of the church – the one with the large stained-glass windows. The outward forces from the central and south arches were badly resolved in the wall, resulting in a very slow and gradual movement in the east wall (estimated at 150mm over the past 150 years). The Conservation Engineer who carried out the survey recommended a remedial plan of action, which the church agreed to. The strapping and monitoring equipment that you can presently see is a temporary solution until the permanent works can be carried out and is designed to ensure that the east wall cannot move, not even 1mm per year!

The temporary works alone have cost around £40,000 and the cost of the permanent solution is estimated at £70,000 - £80,000 excluding VAT and professional fees. St Peter's is a stand-alone charity and does not receive regular funding from the Diocese or the wider Church of England. We will need to seek grant funding towards the costs of the permanent solution as well as raising funds ourselves.

If you are able to support us financially in this work in any way, all donations will be very gratefully received. Please use the URL link below or scan the QR code. There is also a contactless donation station near the font at the back of the church.



<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/23241>

Thank you very much for your support in helping to keep St Peter's Church building open now and for future generations. It is greatly appreciated.

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