

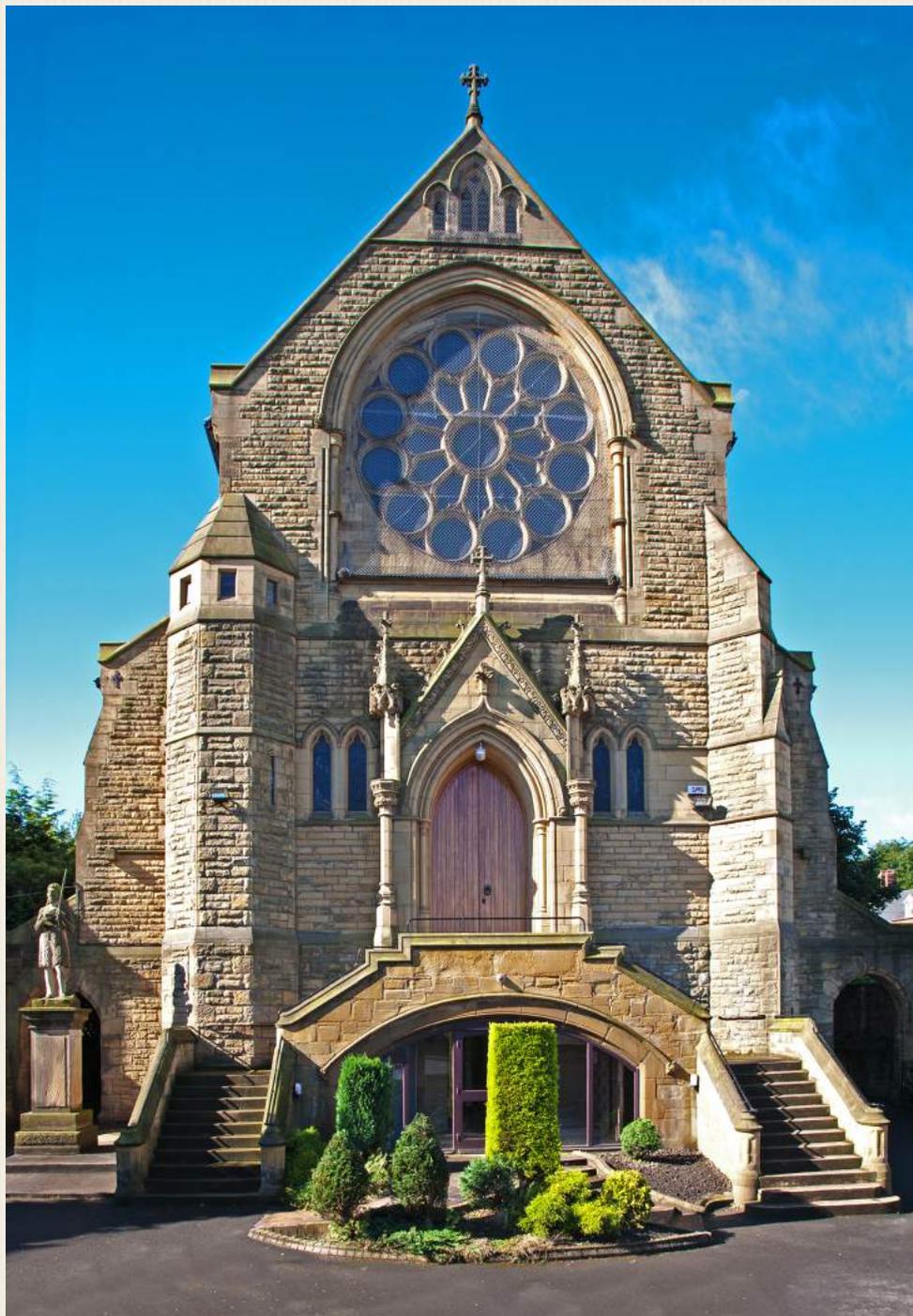
St. Patrick's RC Church, Felling **Revisited - 2015**



Tom R Sterling

St. Patrick's RC Church, Felling

Revisited - 2015

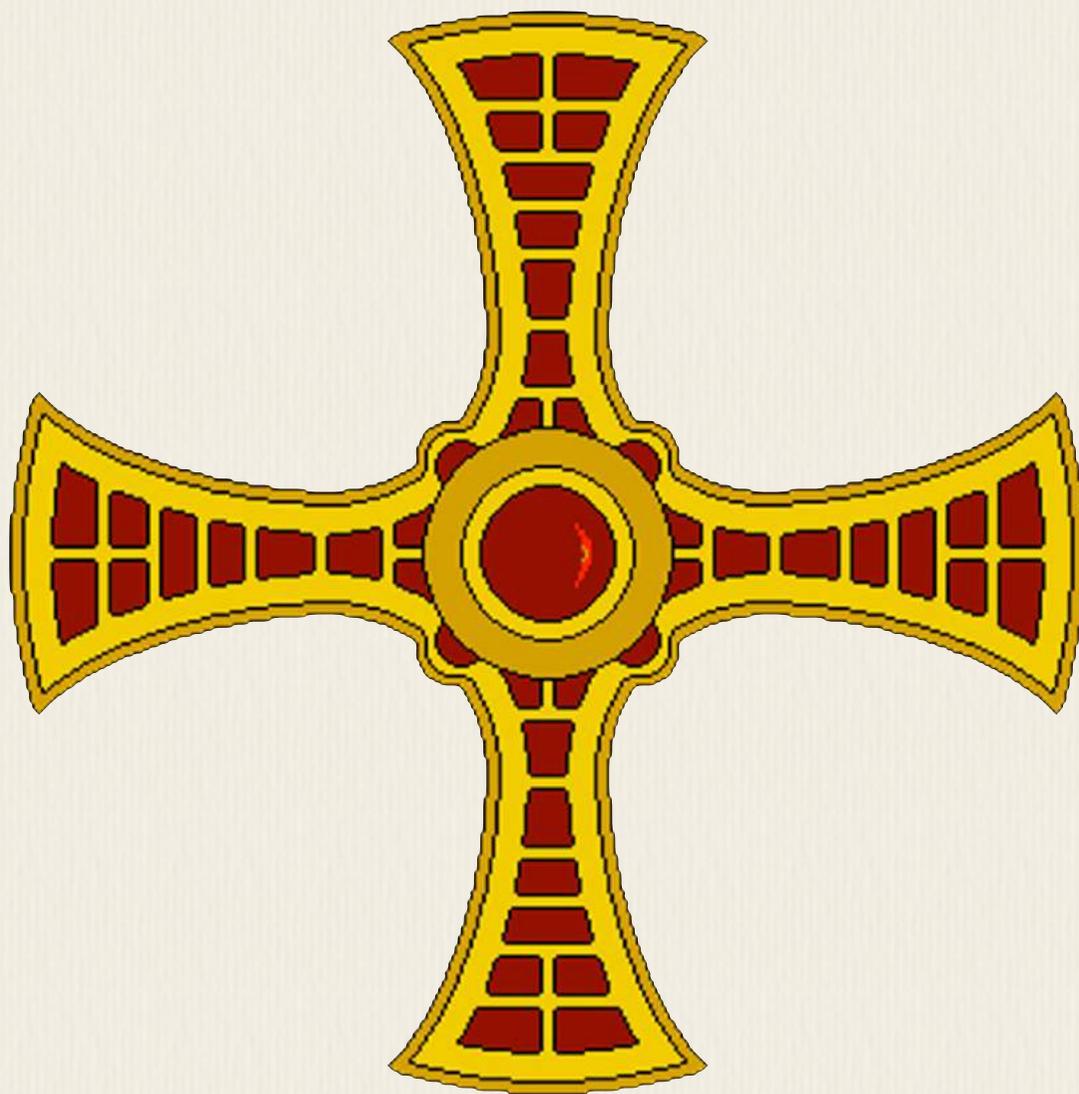


High Street
Felling
Gateshead
Tyne & Wear
NE10 9LT

www.stpatricks-felling.co.uk

Copyright © 2015

No part of this publication may be reproduced without the written permission of the Parish Priest of St. Patrick's Church, Felling.



The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is a Company limited by guarantee
Registered in England Number 7732977
Registered Charity No: 1143450

Acknowledgements

On behalf of Fr. Ian Patterson I would like to thank The Friends of St. Patrick's, all parishioners and The Heritage Lottery Fund for their financial assistance, this has allowed the main staircase leading to the processional entrance of our Church to be reinstated to its original condition.

To Kevin Doonan Architect and Heritage Consolidation for the quality of the workmanship.

Tom R. Sterling

Introduction

In 2014 St. Patrick's RC Church, Felling was awarded a grant of almost £90,000 from The Heritage Lottery Fund to renovate the steps leading up to the processional entrance of the Church. These steps had deteriorated to such an extent that they were deemed unsafe.

This edition is a pictorial record of the work carried out during the renovation and is a sequel to "The History of St. Patrick's RC Church, Felling 1895 - 2014" which covers the history of Catholicism in Felling and in particular the history of St. Patrick's Parish.

Please feel free to visit St. Patrick's Church to see and enjoy the grandeur of the building and the many unique treasures contained within.

Chapter I

Delivery Phase



Delivery Phase

Work started on 9 February 2015. The main contractor, Heritage Consolidation Ltd, erected a security fence around the perimeter of the work site. This enabled pedestrian access to the Church via the emergency exit of the Parish Centre and ensured Church services were not affected.

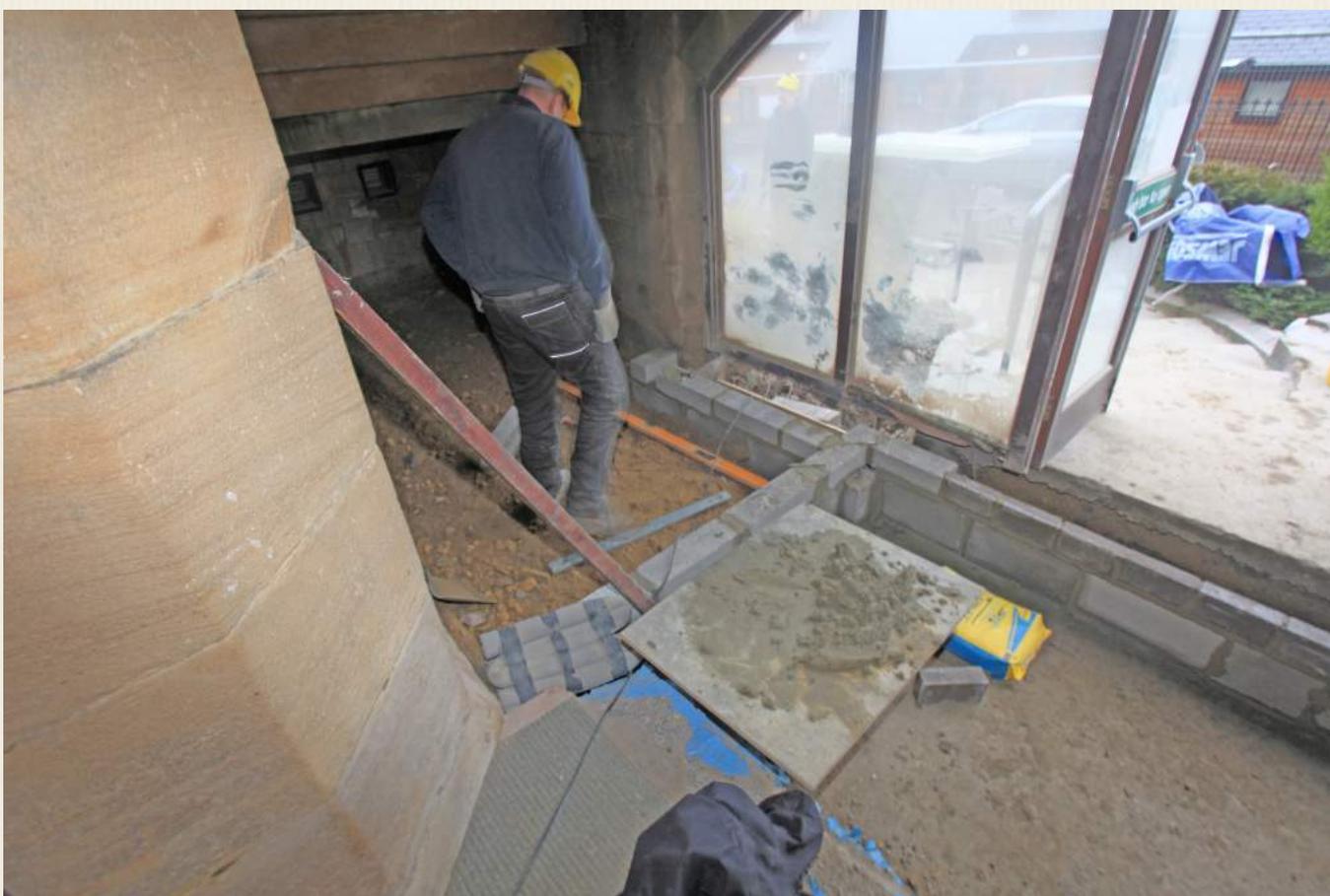


Security fence around work site

The floor of the lobby was removed and excavations prepared for foundations for the building of new retaining walls to support the steps on the upper level on both the east and west staircases.



Ground work within Parish Centre entrance



Supporting wall within Parish Centre entrance

All internal partitioning at the entrance to the Parish Centre was removed together with the external timber-glazed screen. A temporary door was fitted inside the main body of the Church to retain security once the external timber-glazed screen was removed.



Compacted hard core under the east steps



Removal of old framework to Parish Centre

The foundation stone, located beneath the mid landing of the east staircase was not immediately visible. When the renovation of the steps began it was the intention to reposition the stone to the outside of the west staircase. However, due to the physical size and weight of the stone this was not possible. Therefore, a photographic record was taken, this will be displayed in the entrance to the Parish Centre to serve as a permanent reminder of the shape and location of the foundation stone which is now concealed behind the supportive wall of the east staircase.



Foundation Stone record

The existing ashlar stones on the retaining wall on the left hand side of the north west staircase were numbered prior to removal so that they could be repositioned in their original position once the renovation had been completed.



Stones numbered on west staircase



Storage of stones from west staircase

During the removal of the lower flight of steps one of them disintegrated because of flaws in the material known as strata.



Stones and steps removed from west staircase



Strata in one of the steps

New retaining walls were built to support the lower and upper steps on the north west staircase and the upper section of the north east staircase.



New retaining wall on west staircase



New retaining wall inside the Parish Centre entrance

Concrete lintels were also inserted into the brickwork to assist in supporting the upper landing.



Concrete lintels inserted into retaining wall brickwork

New steps were inserted into the existing stonework on the upper and lower landings of the north west staircase.



New steps on upper flight on west staircase



New steps on lower flight on west staircase

New steps were inserted into the stonework immediately adjacent to the processional entrance.



New steps being lifted



New steps being fitted at Church entrance

The reinforced slurry mix, used to repair the north west mid landing and the upper landing in the 1990s, had to be removed to expose the original stonework and allow the placement of new indents.



Sealing of new indents on upper landing



Fitting of new indents on intermediate landing

The inside of the Parish Centre entrance was boarded and a weatherproof membrane added to ensure that the entrance would remain dry.

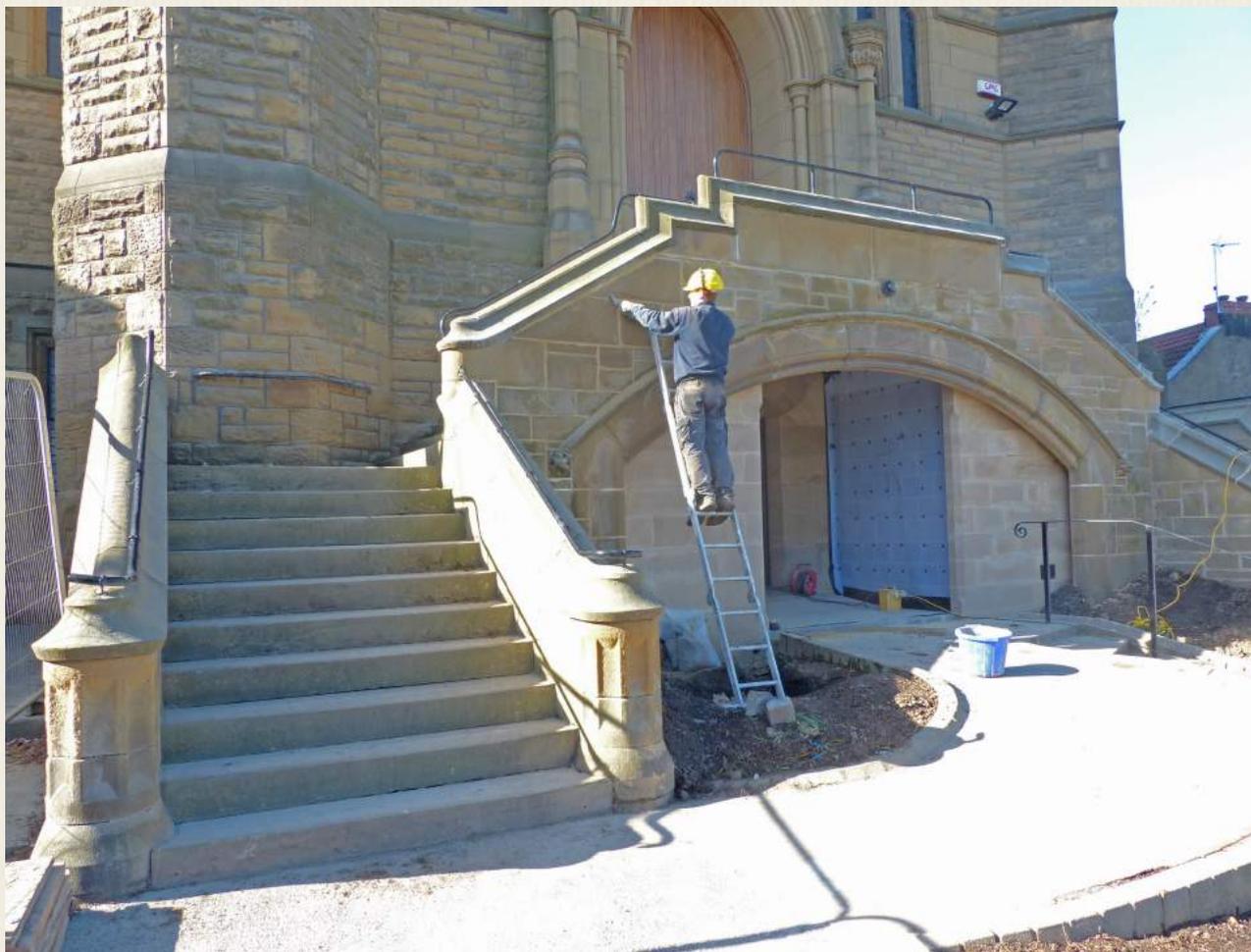


Boarding on Parish Centre retaining wall



Waterproof membrane

The recessed arch entrance to the Parish Centre was filled in with ashlar facing stone. A double glass panelled door was inserted and the lobby repainted and re-carpeted to match existing.



Repointing existing stonework



Parish Centre Entrance

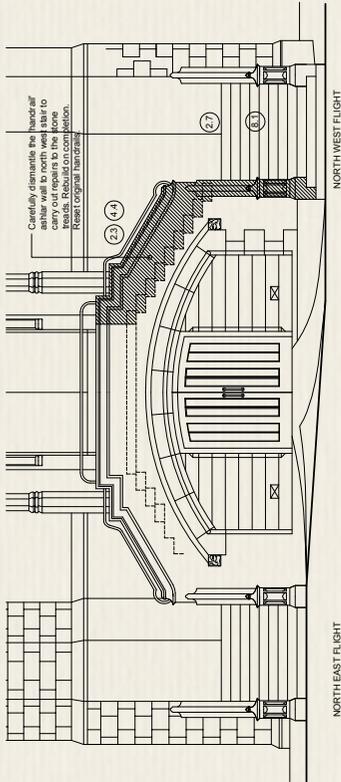


Parish Centre foyer

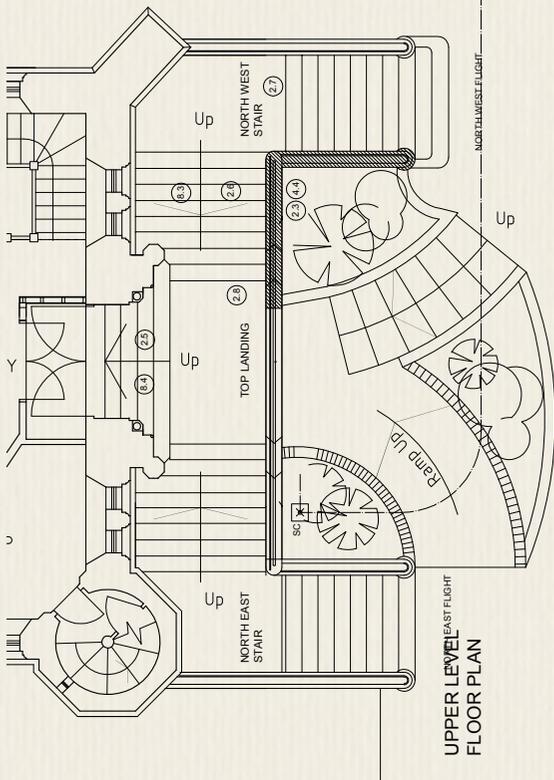
Project name: St Patrick's, Felling	
Date	Scale
May 2013	A1
Job no	Rev
959	D
For Father / Patterson	
Drawing title	
Proposals for the repair of the main entrance steps	
Discrepancies, omissions and/or omissions between this drawing and the contract documents must be reported to the architect before execution. Dimensions must be checked on site. Do not scale off dimensions from this drawing.	

Rev A: 12 January 2014
 Construction notes added
 Rev B: 28 April 2014
 Minor amendments to spec.
 Rev C: 1 May 2014
 Additions to E2000.
 Rev D: 10 June 2014
 Notes amended for diverting
 water supply pipe to Ladies
 Toilets. S.1, 10.3, 11.3.

- See Mechanical and Electrical:**
- W Light
 - 2x 4-way Switch light switch
 - W Light
 - 6x 1x1 controlled light switch
 - SC X Stop cock in external chase
 - X SC Stop cock internal.

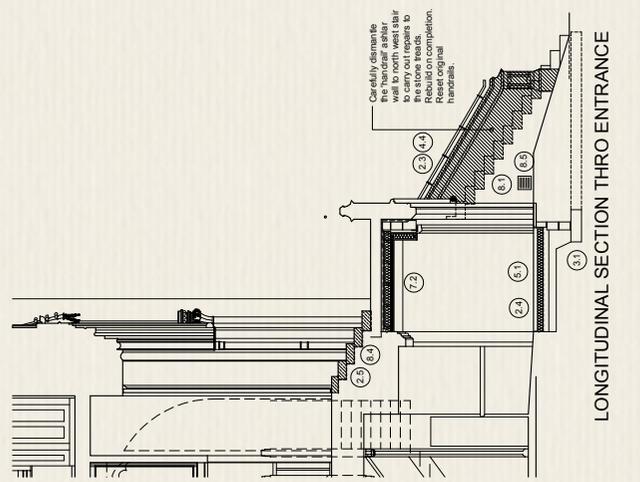


ELEVATION TO MAIN ENTRANCE

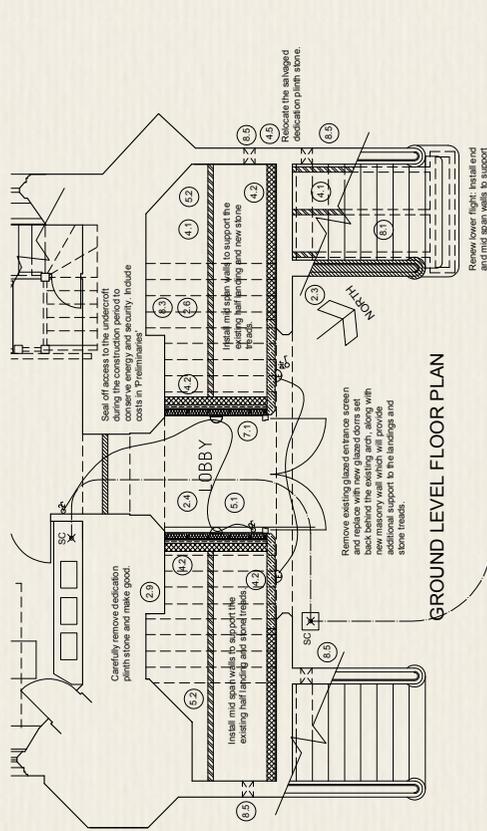


UPPER LEVEL FLOOR PLAN

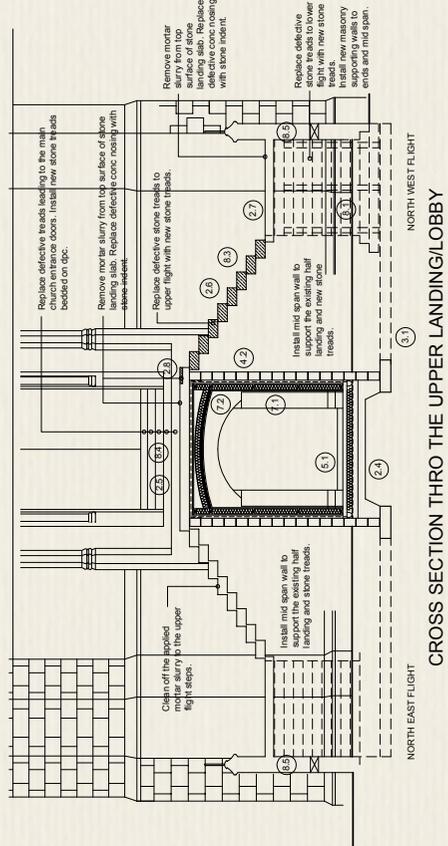
- Repairs to the stone steps to St Patrick's, Felling.**
- 1.0 Preliminaries.
 - 1.1 Include all costs associated with the Preliminaries document.
 - 2.0 Demeolitions.
 - 2.1 Remove the temporary bracing protecting the steps. Carefully strip out the existing masonry and stone work to the level of the original finished temporary loose setting in the lobby.
 - 2.2 Include for making safe electrical installation within the lobby.
 - 2.3 Record the ashlar masonry to the 'handrail' wall of the north west flight. Carefully take down the wall to expose the bearing sockets of the stone treads. On site carefully for the stone.
 - 2.4 Break out the floor of the lobby and excavate to new formation level in readiness for new floor construction and foundations.
 - 2.5 Cut out the steps to the flight at the main church entrance from the upper flight. Include for opening up the bearing sockets in readiness for new steps.
 - 2.6 Carefully cut out the defective treads to the lower and upper flights of the north west flight. Remove the debris.
 - 2.7 Repair the upper surface of the mid landing to the north west stairs. Carefully repair the upper surface of the mid landing to the north west stairs. Cut out the in-situ RC slip on the landing edge in readiness for a new in-situ.
 - 2.8 Repair the upper surface of the top landing; carefully dress off the existing stone to expose the original stone surface. Cut out the in-situ RC slip on the landing edge to the north west stair in readiness for a new in-situ.
 - 2.9 Carefully remove the dedication plinth above the south east flight and set aside for relocating the plinth. Make good where dedication stone removed in brickwork.



LONGITUDINAL SECTION THRO ENTRANCE



GROUND LEVEL FLOOR PLAN



CROSS SECTION THRO THE UPPER LANDING/LOBBY

- 3.0 Foundations.
 - 3.1 Excavate for and install 600 x 200 mm RC concr strip foundations for:
 - new walling to form the new lobby.
 - external supporting walls for the new stone steps to the lower flight of the north west stair.
 - internal supporting walling for the upper flights and landings to both north west and north east flights.
- 4.0 Masonry walling.
 - 4.1 100 mm bedrock (include for lifting adjacent structure with starter ties, DPC's, etc.) all bedded in cement mortar.
 - heavy comb-dress supporting walls to the lower and upper flights of the north west stair and mid landing.
 - dwarf supporting walls to the mid landing and upper flight of the north east stair.
 - 4.2 150mm dense concr blockwork (include for tying into adjacent structure with starter ties, DPC's, etc) bedded in cement mortar.
 - walling to the new lobby.
 - 4.3 150 mm ashlar (stone to match existing masonry with sawn finish, DPC's, etc) bedded in cement mortar. DPC's, tying into adjacent masonry, etc.) all bedded in lime mortar.
 - left to the ashlar masonry. Install 100 x 250 x 75 mm stone bed block.
 - Provide additional support to the wall with 100 x 75 mm SS angle brackets for DPC and wedging/completed joint at underside of the stone landing. Dress internal face of the existing ashlar wall with Newton System DPM. Install 2 no decorative 100 x 60 blocks as supplied by the Cast Iron Air Brick Co.
 - 4.4 Retain the 'handrail' ashlar wall of the north west stair, reusing the salvaged stone treads. Re-install the salvaged metal handrail in original sockets with resin grouting.
 - Make good to stone face on completion.
- 5.0 Floor.
 - 5.1 Install new floor to lobby.
 - 75mm screed on
 - DPM on Kingspan insulation on
 - 100mm concrete slab
 - 150mm min consolidated hardcore.
 - 5.2 Install sub floors to the voids beneath the north west and the north east flights.
 - 100mm concr slab on
 - 100mm concrete on
 - 150mm min consolidated hardcore.
- 5.3 Cut a trench in the existing floor slab in the inner lobby and the Ladies Toilets for the new diverted water supply pipe. Form opening in the masonry wall to the room below the new water level. Following the laying of the pipe, make good floor with concrete around.

WEST ELEVATION

Chapter 2

Before & After Photographs



Before & After Photographs



West staircase - lower level



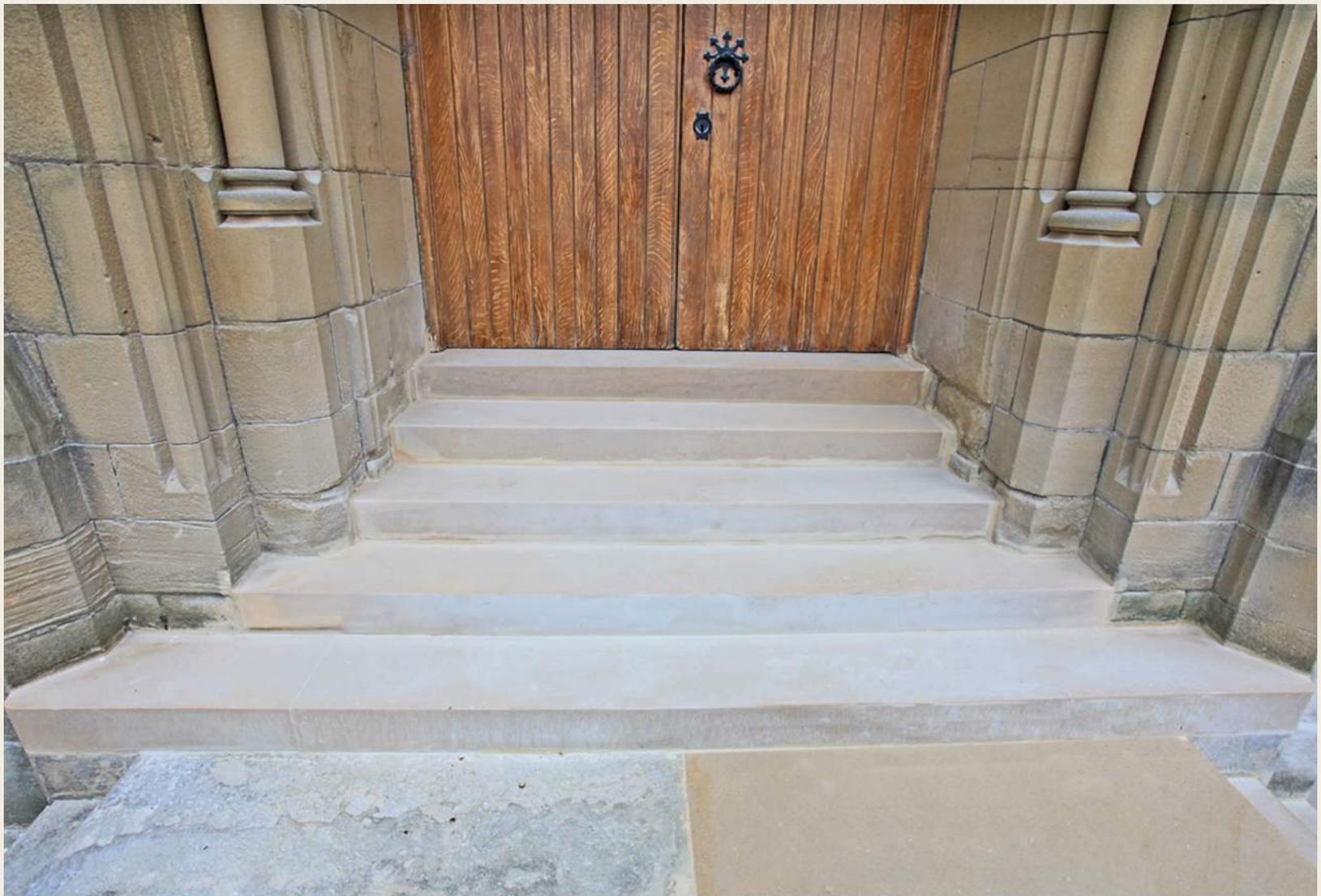
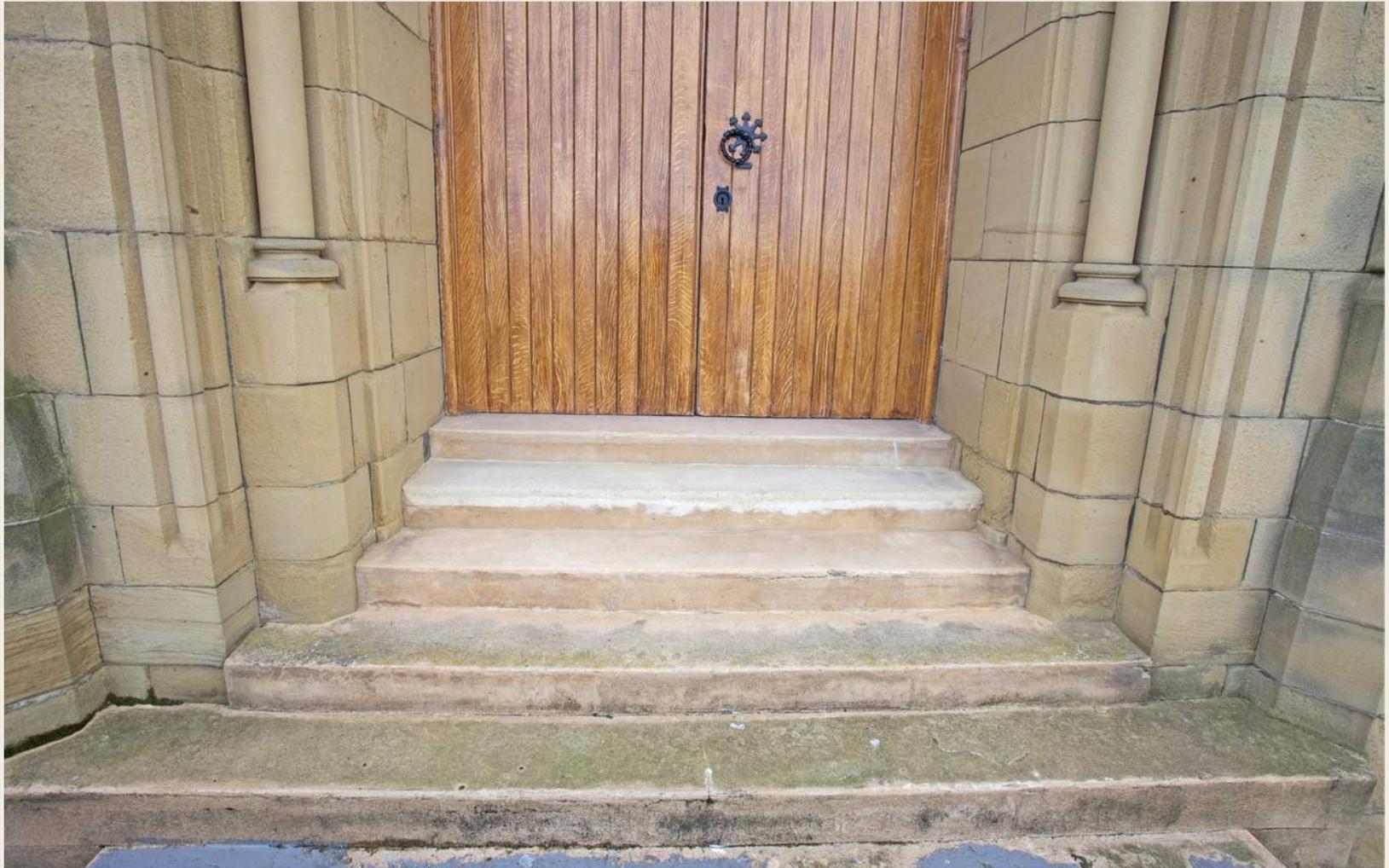
West staircase



Lower steps



Lower steps - west side



Main entrance



Top landing & west upper flight



Top landing



Parish Centre entrance

Chapter 3

Celebrations



Religious Celebrations

The first celebration, when the renovated steps were used, was the Deanery Confirmation Mass celebrated by Bishop Seamus Cunningham, Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. This took place on 13th May, 2015 when 73 young people and adults from the parishes of our deanery were confirmed.

Please pray for these and all the young people from the parishes in our deanery who are on a journey together towards celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in May, 2015.

Rebecca
James
Olivia Mitton
Emily
Isobel Thompson
Marc
Holly
Katherine
M. Fenwick
Rhys
Daniel
Jacob
Ellen
Aidan
Jess
Lizzie
Eileen
A. Sekulski
Euan
Kaymar
Jonathan
Elli
Joe
Matthew J. W.
Abbie
Anna
Pauline
Karolina
James
Elli
Aleksandra
Eve
Alice Mabon
Andrew
T. Fairweather
Jason
N.J. McGee
Rhio
Elliott
Joel
Katherine
Sophie
Loren
Charlotte
K. Brand
Emilia
Bethan
Megan
Rebecca
Cameron
Liam
Lucy
Kane
M. Tweedell



The Confirmation Mass



Confirmation candidates and their sponsors approach the Bishop



Parishioners leaving by east staircase



Parishioners leaving by west staircase



Bishop Seamus on the west staircase after the Confirmation Mass

The second ceremony was the marriage of Claire Potts to David Nicholson in June 2015.



David Nicholson, Best Man and Usher



Claire Potts and Bridesmaids



David & Claire Nicholson - June 2015