



Church of all Saints, Southill, Beds.
Tower re-roofing

DRAFT Statement of Significance and Need

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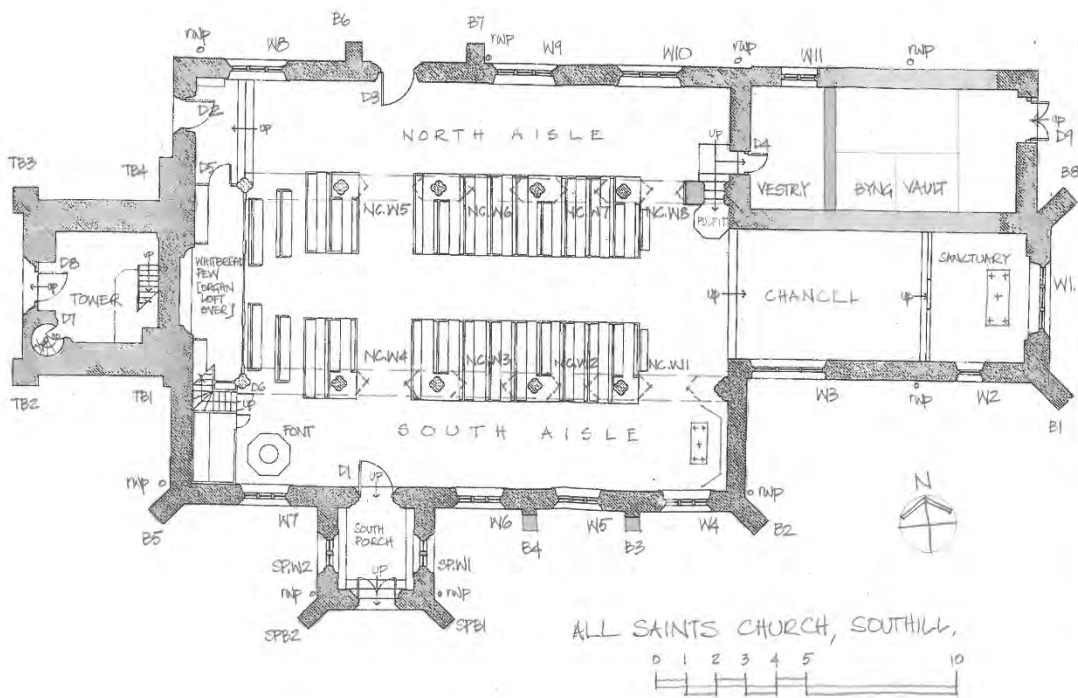
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Introduction

This statement has been prepared by Helen Axworthy, the church architect, for consultation on proposals for re-roofing the tower. The repairs proposed were identified in the 2022 Quinquennial inspection for the Church of All Saints, Southill.

Historical background

All Saints Church is listed Grade II*, a copy of the listing is attached at Appendix A.



Ground Floor Plan of the Church

The Victoria County History [Bedfordshire] Vol 13, pp256-261 includes a description of the church and the following extracts describe the phasing and development of the church fabric;

The church of All Saints is of mediaeval origin repaired and reworked extensively, following a fire, in 1814 - 1816. The east and south west windows of the Chancel, south porch windows, the eastern windows and door to the North Aisle are 15C. That to the west, with geometrical tracery, likely to be c.1300. Internally the 19C Nave arcades are of five bays and a half with four windows at clerestory level each with four-centred arch heads. There are a number of 18C and 19C mural monuments and in the chancel ledger slabs to John Nodes 1666, to Mary wife of Thurgood Upwood, 1687 and to Sir John Kelynge, serjeant at-law, 1680. set within the clay paviour and pamment floors.

The tower has clasping buttresses at the west angles and square buttresses at the east angles and is divided by stone strings into three stages. The belfry contains six bells of which five are by John Briant of Hertford, 1814 and the tenor is by Mears & Stainbank, London, 1867. The Byng vault includes George Viscount Torrington, Rear Admiral of Great Britain d.1732 and Admiral John Byng, executed 1757.

Proposals

The proposal are;

- to replace the copper roof, gutters and sparge pipes/chutes to the Tower like-for-like.
- minor repairs and repointing to parapets and associated masonry



Justification for the work

The copper roof, probably installed post WWII, is detailed with minimal roof upstands and gutter falls. Gutter bays are jointed with double lock welts in the direction of falls. Sumps are shallow and tight and have been patched and repaired with solder previously as have roof bays to the west. The copper roofing has thinned, clips have failed such that buckling and rippling has occurred.

The repairs proposed are considered essential to form a weathering capable of coping with the intensity of rainfall currently experienced and weather protect the tower roof and bells below. Replacement of roof finishes which have reached the end of their useful life is good practice in order to properly maintain and extend the beneficial use of the building.



Appendix A; List description



Historic England

PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

List Entry Summary

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

Name: PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

List entry Number: 1274447

Location

PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WARDEN ROAD

The building may lie within the boundary of more than one authority.

County:

District: Central Bedfordshire

District Type: Unitary Authority

Parish: Southill

National Park: Not applicable to this List entry.

Grade: II*

Date first listed: 31-Oct-1966

Date of most recent amendment: Not applicable to this List entry.

The contents of this record have been generated from a legacy data system.

Legacy System: LBS

UID: 415252

Asset Groupings

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List entry Description

Summary of Building

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

Reasons for Designation

Legacy Record - This information may be included in the List Entry Details.

History

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Details

TL 1442 SOUTHILL WARDEN ROAD

13/254 Parish Church of All 31.10.66 Saints

GV II*

Parish church. C14 and C15 details, mostly reworked 1814. Coursed ironstone rubble, with dressings in ironstone and limestone, alterations and additions in red brick. Some areas rendered. Chancel, nave, N aisle, S aisle, S porch, tower. Chancel: 3-light C15 E window, 5-light window (also C15) and pointed arched single light to S, all reworked. Blocked pointed-arched doorway to S.



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