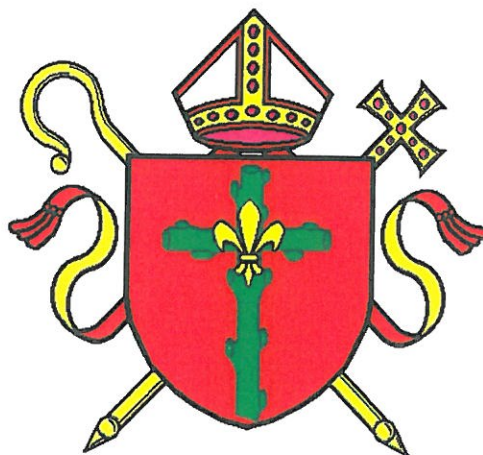


ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016

DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM

HISTORIC CHURCHES COMMITTEE



REPORT FOR 2016

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The Committee met on four occasions during the year.

The membership of the Committee was as follows, with two new members joining during the year.

Rev Monsignor Canon T McGovern Prot Ap, VG (Chairman)
Rev P McBrien BSc (Vice Chairman)
Rev A Adkins MA PGCE VF
Rev A Axe OP Teachers Cert (Mancun) BA (Open) MA (Oxon) MA (London)
Mr Edward S Poyser BA FCA (Financial Secretary & HCC Secretary)
Mr Roy M Lewis BA (Hons) MA (Arch Cons) MRTPI IHBC
Mr Peter Rogan BA Dip Arch (Leic) PG Dip Arch Prac ACIOB MCIAT AABC RIBA
Ms Margaret Goodall MA (Oxon), MSocSc, IHBC
Mr N Leaney
Rev S Dye BA STB VF
Ms Jane Roylance BSc (Hons) BArch MA AABC IHBC
Mr Peter Smith Bsc (Hons)

Mrs Rachael Oxspring acted as Minutes Secretary and Administrator.

RESUME OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Meeting of Thursday 25th February 2016

Mr Peter Smith, a new HCC member, was welcomed to the meeting.

St Mary's, Derby – Grade II* Listing – asbestos has been found within the ceiling panels and high levels of condensation have also been encountered. The asbestos has been encapsulated by suitably qualified professionals. It is believed the condensation is owing to extremely wet scaffolding boards having been used. The heating has been switched on to assist with drying it out.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – WW1 grant work comprising drainage improvements, door actuators and paving has commenced.

The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe – Grade II* Listing – a certificate of completion has been received for the installation of the new heating system.

The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe – Grade II* Listing – certificates of commencement and completion have been received for the replacement sound system.

St Charles Borromeo, Hadfield – Grade II Listing – the parish has been advised of the unanimous view of the Building and Sites Committee, Board and HCC that the fund available should be used to maintain the organ. A meeting has been offered.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – the parish will be applying to the HLF in May 2016 for help with conservation work to the stonework and other fittings such as the altarpiece along with re-building the ambulatory as a multi-purpose facility that would combine a new means of access to the church for people with disabilities as well as for heritage display purposes.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – following the statutory consultation for the new boiler and radiators, comments received from Historic England and Peak District National Park Authority were circulated at the meeting. The parish has agreed to adopt the suggestions made other than the boxing in of the radiator to the West Stairs and it was agreed that the determination could be issued.

St Mary Crowned, Glossop – Grade II Listing – ongoing water ingress has resulted in the plaster coming away from the walls at high level. HCC members Fr McBrien and Mr Rogan visited the church. The roofs are in reasonable condition however work is required to the parapet gutter and outlet of the apse roof and rainwater goods in general. The parish has enlisted the help of Mr Maybank, a surveyor, to apply to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund.

St Mary Crowned, Glossop – Grade II Listing – detailed drawings including elevations are awaited from the parish over its proposal to demolish the link between the church and the presbytery prior to disposing of the presbytery. This would involve the prayer room, sacristy and church's WC having to be relocated within the church.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – the parish is considering extending the church to provide a separate sacristy for the priest and altar servers. The parish is proposing to appoint John Halton Design and designs should be available for the next meeting. The Committee suggested that proposals be discussed with the planning officer at an early stage.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – Mr Gillick, architect, is putting together a proposal for completing the panelling to the wall and rebuilding the altar in a reduced size so that it can be moved away from the wall and weekday Mass can be said versus populum in the side chapel. Further information is required about the proposal to relocate the confessional.

All Saints, Glossop – Grade II Listing – for information. The presbytery, Royle House, is very damp and the Regeneration Officer of High Peak Borough Council has approved various ameliorating works which are considered like for like repairs.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – for information. The parish is looking to undertake various changes to the presbytery. The presbytery is listed and the work will require careful negotiation with the local authority.

St Mary on the Sea, Grimsby – Grade II Listing – the parish is re-applying to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. Knox McConnell architects have been appointed to assist.

St Augustine's, Woodborough Road, Nottingham – Grade II Listing – an application to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund is being put together by Mr Rogan.

Meeting of Thursday 19th May 2016

St Barnabas Cathedral Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – the WW1 grant work comprising drainage improvements, rainwater goods, door actuators and paving is now virtually complete.

St Charles Borromeo, Hadfield – Grade II Listing – the parish has written to the Bishop about work to the organ. A copy of the letter will be requested.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing - the parish will now be applying to the HLF in August 2016 for help with conservation work to the stonework and other fittings such as the altarpiece along with re-building the ambulatory as a multi-purpose facility that would combine a new means of access to the church for people with disabilities as well as for heritage display purposes.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – a determination and faculty have been issued for the new boiler and radiators.

St Mary's, Derby – Grade II* Listing – an approach received from the architect overseeing the refurbishment of the Lady Chapel to adapt an existing window so that it incorporates two opening lights was forwarded to the Committee in advance of the meeting. The Committee approved it subject to the statutory bodies being consulted. Historic England raised various concerns and the Committee decided that the Lady Chapel should be monitored for 12 months to see if the condensation recurs as in fact opening lights may not be needed.

St Mary the Immaculate, Grantham – Grade II Listing – a new design for a Marian Shrine in the church garden was not approved by the Committee.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – Mr Rogan is applying to the next round of WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund. Owing to the very tight deadline the application will comprise remedial work to the western paving (Cathedral courtyard) which would be a natural follow-on to the current work. Mr Rogan is also proposing to apply to the final round of funding with a scheme for remedial work to the inside of the Cathedral.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – further information was received about the parish's proposal to move the confessional back to its original position. This was approved by the Committee subject to its not damaging the panelling.

Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund – the following Grade II listed churches have applied to the fund:

St Mary on the Sea, Grimsby
St Augustine's, Nottingham
St Mary Crowned, Glossop

Decisions on the applications will be made at the National Heritage Memorial Fund Board meeting on 28th June 2016. Once the outcome is known, work can be considered in more detail.

The Priest's House, Eastwell – the listed Chapel which originates from 1798 was last used in the 1970s and was sold by the Diocese many years ago. The new owner has approached the Diocese about moving the gravestones in the graveyard either to the edge of the area or relocating them altogether. Mr Lewis advised the Committee that the Local Authority should not have referred the new owner to the Diocese. It is no longer a place of worship and therefore does not come under Ecclesiastical Exemption from Listed Building Control. The Local Authority could give consent to the gravestones being moved to the edge of the area subject to a detailed plan being made of the graves first. The Diocese would be grateful to have a copy for its archives.

Meeting of Thursday 1st September 2016

Ms Jane Roylance, a new HCC member and architect with Messrs Purcell, was welcomed to the meeting.

St Mary's, Derby – Grade II* Listing – work is virtually finished and a certificate of completion is awaited. The application to adapt one of the windows so that it incorporates two opening lights is on hold.

St Charles Borromeo, Hadfield – Grade II Listing – the Diocese's experts advise that the organ is of merit. The parish has now provided a copy of the report it commissioned and this will be circulated to the Diocese's experts for comment.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – Mr Rogan advised that he is meeting with the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the end of September 2016 about the conservation work to the stonework and other fittings such as the altarpiece. They will also consider re-building the ambulatory as a multi-purpose facility that would combine a new means of access to the church for people with disabilities as well as for heritage display purposes. The HLF may ask the parish to apply for funding in stages, in which case the building work is likely to be delayed.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – a certificate of completion is awaited from the architect for the new boiler and radiators.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – Mr Rogan's second application to the WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund has also been successful. Following the statutory consultation, during which no concerns were raised, a determination and faculty have been issued for the remedial work to the western paving.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – following the statutory consultations during which no concerns were raised, determinations and faculties have been issued for two separate schemes comprising side chapel modifications and relocation of the confessional. Certificates of commencement and completion have also been received.

The Priest's House, Eastwell – as agreed at the last meeting, the Diocese wrote to the new owner and the Local Authority advising them that as the buildings are listed and the gravestones are in the curtilage they are considered to be subject to listed building consent. The chapel is no longer a place of worship and does not come under Ecclesiastical Exemption.

St Mary the Immaculate, Grantham – Grade II Listing – the parish asked that its submission to erect a Marian shrine in the church garden be reconsidered. Mr Lewis advised the Committee that as the proposed Marian Shrine would be a free standing structure it would not be subject to Ecclesiastical Exemption or listed building consent, although planning permission may be required.

St Mary Crowned, Glossop – Grade II Listing – the parish's application to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund was unsuccessful. Mr Rogan will encourage the parish to address the urgent repair work and the Diocese will do likewise.

St Mary's, Grimsby – Grade II Listing – at its second attempt the parish has been awarded a grant of 42% of the total eligible project cost by the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. The work comprises repairs and re-roofing of the church, overhauling of leadwork and gutters and isolated stonework repairs. The parish must obtain permission to start by 28th December 2016. With the provision of churches in the area currently under review the parish is waiting to hear whether it should proceed. Given that the work is like for like, HCC approval will not be required.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – the parish has been out to tender for a new sound system. The proposal was approved subject to the statutory bodies being consulted.

St Augustine's, Nottingham – Grade II Listing – the parish has been awarded a grant of 69% of the total eligible project cost by the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. The work comprises re-covering the asphalt roofs of the nave, chancel and aisle including the domes and apse, replacing the rainwater goods and there is an allowance for asbestos related emergency work, surveying and air monitoring. The parish must obtain permission to start by 28th December 2016. Mr Rogan, who is overseeing the work, advised that it is a like for like repair and so HCC approval will not be required.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – as advised previously Mr Rogan is applying to the final round of the WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund which has a closing date of 26th September 2016. Subject to the spire being in a satisfactory condition, as its last full check was c20 years ago, it is proposed to focus on the interior of the Cathedral.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – the parish wishes to install CCTV cameras to the exterior of the Cathedral and Cathedral House. The Cathedral has experienced numerous incidents where the police have had to be called and CCTV would be beneficial. Mr Rogan will investigate other options for camera locations however if nothing else is suitable the Committee agreed that the statutory bodies should be consulted about the scheme as proposed.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – Mr Gillick, architect, has been out to tender for a new lighting scheme for the church. The scheme was not approved and it was proposed that an HCC site visit should be arranged to meet with Mr Gillick, the parish priest and the lighting engineer.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – the parish wishes to install a new sound system in the church to include a second sound system and projection system in the church hall. The scheme was approved by the Committee and the statutory bodies will be consulted.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – the Committee did not approve the proposed extension to the rear of the church and presbytery. It looked ecclesiastical and muddled the distinction between the church and the presbytery.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – following repeated thefts from the church and presbytery the Committee approved the installation of a recessed wall safe in the Lady Chapel. It would not be visible from the main body of the church and owing to its small size would not impact on any historical decorative scheme.

Meeting of Thursday 24th November 2016

St Mary's, Derby – Grade II* Listing – the decorative work to the altar and reredos of the Lady Chapel has been completed and Mr Leaney visited the church to ensure the work was done correctly. A certificate of completion is awaited.

St Mary Crowned, Glossop – Grade II Listing – Mr Rogan advised the Committee that his colleague Richard Brook was working with the parish on an HLF grant application for roof repairs and gutter modifications. In addition proposals should be available for the next meeting about the splitting of the presbytery from the church.

St Mary's, Grimsby – Grade II Listing – the Bishop's decision was announced on 17th November 2016 that St Mary's is to be retained. The Patrimony Committee strongly recommended that a Faculty be issued for the like for like work in case it becomes required as a condition of the Roof Repair Fund grant and so the statutory consultation has commenced.

St Charles Borromeo, Hadfield – Grade II Listing – the parish has agreed to carry out the work to the organ recommended by the Diocese's experts.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – Mr Rogan advised the Committee that they had now met with HLF about the conservation work to the stonework and other fittings such as the altarpiece along with re-building the ambulatory as a multi-purpose facility that would combine a new means of access to the church for people with disabilities as well as for heritage display purposes. The HLF had suggested a more phased approach to the scheme and the first phase likely to be approved would be the conservation of vestments.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – a certificate of completion has been received for the new boiler and radiators.

All Saints, Hassop – Grade I Listing – following the commencement of the statutory consultation for the new sound system, Historic England suggested that the speakers be sited away from the pilasters to preserve their clean lines and be painted to match the colour of the walls. Historic England's comments were passed on to Peak District National Park Authority who hadn't yet responded. They advised that given the minor and superficial nature of these works, they were content that the HCC used its discretion. The comments were discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that the speakers should be painted to match the walls and should be sited approximately 18" away from the pilasters on the Sanctuary side of them.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – the paving work to the west of the Cathedral funded by the WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund will commence in the New Year.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – Mr Rogan advised the Committee that the WW1 Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund had awarded a partial grant for replacement light fittings. The restoration of the decorative scheme to the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, work to the columns, etc was not successful but may form the basis of an HLF grant application in due course.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – Mr Rogan investigated various options for alternative locations for the external CCTV cameras. However, alternative locations would compromise the effectiveness of the cameras and so the statutory bodies were consulted about the original scheme. A determination and faculty have been issued and a planning application has been submitted.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – the parish did not take up the proffered site visit and attended the Committee meeting instead. The parish was advised that more modern contemporary wall lights would be preferred and a lighting engineer should be asked to assist.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – following the statutory consultations, during which no concerns were raised, determinations and faculties have been issued for two separate schemes comprising a new sound system and the installation of a recessed wall safe in the Lady Chapel.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – modified designs, in accordance with HCC's comments, were reviewed at the meeting. The Committee preferred the new design of the rear extension although asked that the use of faux lead be reconsidered.

St Charles Borromeo, Hadfield – Grade II Listing – the parish wishes to install 5 LED street lights to the drive approach to the church and house. It was agreed that the drive was not within the curtilage and so the lighting could go ahead without HCC faculty subject to the parish contacting the local authority about whether planning permission was required.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – proposals to install cameras to allow the permanent streaming of services were reviewed and it was agreed that the statutory consultation could commence.

St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham – Grade II* Listing – it was agreed that the statutory consultation could commence over the proposal to exhume Bishop Willson's remains from the Cathedral crypt and for them to be reinterred in St Mary's Cathedral Hobart.

Holy Souls, Scunthorpe – Possible candidate for listing – the parish wishes to install another stained glass window in the church. The proposed design and photographs of the window in question were available at the meeting and were well received by the Committee. As the church is not listed a Faculty is not required.

St Mary and St Augustine, Stamford – Grade II Listing – dry rot has been discovered in the church and the parish has been asked to deal with this urgently.

MEMBERSHIP

- Rev Monsignor Canon T McGovern, Prot Ap, VG, Parish Priest, HCC current Chairman, member of the Cathedral Chapter, Council of Priests (other than during the period of sede vacante), Committee for Ongoing Formation, Board of Directors, Bishops Council, Vice President of the Liturgical Commission and member of the Building and Sites Committee took over the chairmanship of the HCC following the resignation of Monsignor Moore.
- Rev P McBrien, BSc, Parish Priest, member of the Council of Priests, Liturgical Commission Secretariat, Departments of Art and Architecture Convenor, Formation, NDLC Periodical "Litnews", editor Diocesan Year Book, former Information Officer, former Master of Ceremonies. (*amateur heraldic designer*) and member of the Building and Sites Committee.
- Ms Margaret Goodall, MA(Oxon), MSocSc, IHBC, appointed to the HCC after consultation with the Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies (JCNAS). Churches Officer at the Victorian Society (1995-1999); Conservation Officer at the War Memorials Trust (2000-2003), 2003-2013 Senior Cathedrals Officer in the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division (Archbishops Council, Church of England) and Deputy Secretary of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England and since May 2013 Education and Training Manager at the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).
- Mr Roy M Lewis, BA (Hons), MA(Arch Consv), MRTPI, IHBC. BA (First Class Honours) Town and Country Planning, Trent Polytechnic, 1978. MA (Distinction) Architectural Conservation, De Montfort University, Leicester, 1996. Member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (MRTPI) since 1980. Member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) since its inception in 1997. He sits on the East Midlands Branch Committee of the IHBC and represents the Institute nationally on the Urban Design Alliance (UDAL). He has been employed as a Conservation Officer for the following Local Authorities: Chesterfield Borough Council (1985-8), Gedling Borough Council (1988-9), Newark and Sherwood District Council (1989-2001). From 2001-2002, he worked as a consultant for Latham Architects, specialising in conservation and urban design. He is now in partnership – Grover Lewis Associates – actively involved in Town Planning and the Built Heritage matters.
- Mr Peter Rogan, BA DipArch(Leics) PGDipArchPrac ACIOB MCIAT AABC RIBA, as architect member. He is a Chartered Architect, Chartered Architectural Technologist and Architect Accredited in Building Conservation. CIAT East Midlands Committee Member 1996-2004 and Hon. Regional Secretary 1998-2004, representing the Institute on the East Midlands Construction Industry Council and winner of CIAT Gold Award in 1999. Member of SPAB and former East Midlands Committee member. Trustee of the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust and ordinary member of other amenity societies including the Nottinghamshire Buildings Preservation Trust, the Twentieth Century Society. Member of the Derby Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches since 2004. He has worked in private architectural practice for over 20 years, predominantly in the care and sensitive redevelopment of historic buildings.
- Mr Nigel Leaney, Practising Artist/Craftsman and extremely talented and knowledgeable conservator.

- Rev Anthony Axe OP Teachers Cert (Mancun) BA (Open) MA (Oxon) MA (London), Parish Priest, representing a Religious Institute.
- Rev Alex Adkins MA PGCE VF, Parish Priest, representing the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.
- Edward S Poyser, BA FCA, Diocesan Financial Secretary, Fellow of the National Association of Goldsmiths (Full member as well as HCC Secretary).
- Rev Stephen Dye BA STB VF, Parish Priest, on the nomination of the Council of Priests.
- Mr Peter J L Smith BSc (Hons) Social Studies (Geography and Sociology, Salford University, 1973), Post Graduate Diploma in Town Planning, Trent Polytechnic, 1975, Member (now retired) of the Royal Town Planning Institute since late 1970s, Affiliate Member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, Planning Assistant, Policy and later Development Control, Nottingham City Council, 1975-2002, Principal Conservation Officer, Nottingham City Council, 2002-2012, retired 2012. Now a member of Nottingham Civic Society with a passing interest in planning applications in the City.
- Ms Jane Roylance BSc (Hons) BArch MA AABC IHBC an ARB registered architect working for Purcell from their Nottingham office and has been working with the practice since 2005. She is an Architect Accredited in Building Conservation, joining the register in 2004 and sits on the AABC Board. She sits on the East Midlands Branch Committee of the IHBC and served as Branch Chair for 4 years. Jane has been located in the East Midlands for the last 30 years, working within the historic environment to find sustainable solutions to preserve the significance of heritage assets and create sensitive repairs and contemporary interventions to historic fabric and sensitive sites.

LISTED BUILDINGS

BUILDINGS LISTING GRADE	I	II*	II
Churches	1	3	17
Private Chapels	-	-	4
Presbyteries	-	-	11
Church Halls	-	-	1
Total Listed Buildings = 37			

BUILDINGS CONSIDERED AS BEING WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION FOR LISTING AND REQUIRED TO APPLY TO THE HISTORIC CHURCHES COMMITTEE ON A NON STATUTORY BASIS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Churches	14
Private Chapels	-
Presbyteries and other structures	4
Church Halls	-
Total Buildings = 18	

FINANCE

The running costs of the Committee during the year 2016 are borne by the Diocese and are not separately identified. The Secretary and Administrator and Minutes Secretary are the only persons directly employed by the Diocese and encompass HCC matters in their normal duties as Diocesan Financial Secretary and Property Manager respectively.

APPEALS

None.

ENCLOSURES

Minutes of the meetings for the year ending 31st December 2016.

RECORDS

All Committee Records are available for Public Inspection by arrangement.

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Signed by Rev Monsignor Canon T McGovern, Prot Ap, VG
Chairman

Signed: T. McGovern Dated: 20/4/2017

Signed by Edward S Poyser
Secretary

Signed: Edward S. Poyser Dated: 20th April 2017