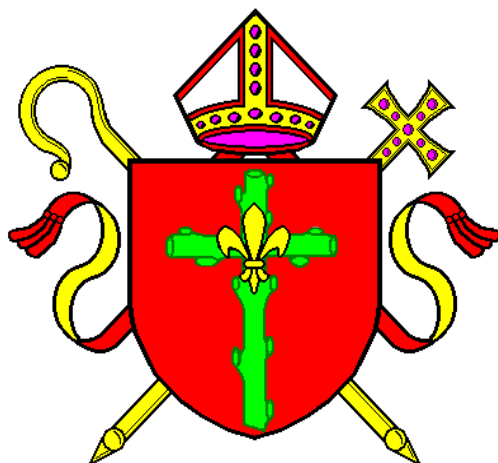


**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2020**

**DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM**

**HISTORIC CHURCHES COMMITTEE**



## **REPORT FOR 2020**

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The Committee met on four occasions during the year:

6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Existing members were reappointed for three years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 by the Bishop.

Rev Canon E Jarosz MA VG (Chair)

Rev A Adkins MA PGCE VF

Rev Denis Labartette IC

Mr David Lawes (Chief Operating Officer))

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

Dr Ana Souto BA MA PhD

Mr Peter Smith BSc (Hons)

Mrs Rachael Oxspring (HCC Secretary)

Rev A Adkins' resignation from the Committee was announced at the September 2020 meeting. The role of a member appointed by and from the Diocesan Art and Architecture Commission and that of Vice Chair are still being considered.

## **RESUME OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE:**

### **Meeting of Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 held at St Mary's, Derby**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby de la Zouch** – grade II listing – handrails to church steps. Following a Fire Service inspection, the parish wishes to install handrails to the church steps to match the railings at the side of the church. The Senior Conservation officer at NWLDC suggests a revised design forming a single escape flight similar in width to the door opening. Planning permission has been obtained and a determination and faculty have been issued.

**St Mary's, Boston** – possible candidate for listing – new heating to church. The parish wishes to install fan coil heaters in the church along with destratification fans. The heaters would be boxed in with woodwork to be in keeping with existing. Owing to the existing joinery being of good quality a designer as well as a joiner need to be involved and the parish priest will action accordingly.

**St Mary Crowned, Glossop** – grade II listing – re-location of toilet in former link to presbytery. Work is underway following the statutory consultation, during which no adverse were received, and the issuing of a determination and faculty.

**St Mary Crowned, Glossop** – grade II listing – re-ordering, internal repairs and redecoration. Following the statutory consultation, during which no adverse comments were received, a determination and faculty have been issued and the architect has been out to tender. Work comprises creation of a new toilet area and narthex, internal repairs and plaster and paintwork of walls and ceiling and refurbishment of timber pew platforms in the main body of the church.

**All Saints, Hassop** – grade I listing – meeting room to rear of church. Mr Brook of Peter Rogan & Associates has been appointed and initial drawings were tabled at the meeting. This design resolves the issue of one of the previous designs, being a large fully glazed structure facing north. Mr Brook will now refine the detail.

**St Hugh of Lincoln, Lincoln** – grade II listing – repairs to stonework and tower. Steeplejacks have carried out an inspection of the stonework, tower and gable cross. The parish is considering applying for grants and Josephine Warren has visited the parish. As it is unlikely the work will be completed before the winter measures will need to be taken to ensure any loose material is not a risk to people below. Either loose material will be removed by a stonemason or protection will be installed. Mr Rogan is hoping to arrange a specialist stone survey to understand why the stonework is performing poorly to avoid repeating past mistakes. To include petrographic analysis, stone identification, recommendations on replacement stone and mortars to be used, identification of decay and causes. The parish is applying for Lottery funding as the repair work has been tendered and will cost c£330k. St Hugh's has been added to the Heritage at Risk register. Pavement level temporary protection is being erected and this will form part of the full scaffolding in due course.

**St Augustine, Apostle of England, Nottingham** – grade II listing – roof repairs. As advised previously the roof continues to leak. The parish has been out to tender for re-roofing and

allowances for concrete repairs. Unfortunately only one company responded with an extremely high tender. The church is on the Heritage at Risk register. The parish is seeking an affordable solution now. One option, the application of a close cell sprayed thermal foam layer was not supported by the Committee. In order for it to be considered further a trial area would need to be treated and photographed for the HCC to review.

**St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham** – grade II\* listing – crack to spire. A diagonal crack to the spire was noticed during the quinquennial inspection. A further high level inspection has been carried out with the assistance of a structural engineer who advises that the crack appears to be old. It is recommended that it should be pinned to provide longer-term comfort especially since the crack cannot be routinely inspected. This has now been completed.

**St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham** – grade II\* listing – HLF multi phased grant application. Following the successful initial grant application the walls are being scanned with non-invasive specialist equipment by Nottingham Trent University to help record and understand Pugin's original design work. The scanning, alongside traditional paint investigation will enable a virtual model to be produced. Ultimately the results of this research will be used to put together a bid for a larger grant application. A heritage mentor has been appointed by the Cathedral to help with heritage activities and Heritage Lincolnshire remains involved. The wider Cathedral site is being considered.

**St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham** – grade II\* listing – Cathedral Fabric Survey – the survey template is required to be completed and returned no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. It is hoped that this will result in further government funding being made available for cathedrals.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe** – grade II\* listing – ongoing problems with reinforced concrete. Hanna Good, Heritage at Risk Projects Officer for Historic England would like to visit in the coming months. The parish intends to ask structural engineers to reinspect the building and prepare a condition report with recommendations. This will focus on the ongoing problems with the reinforced concrete window columns and mullions.

**St Mary's Derby** – grade II\* listing – repairs to stonework, glazing, paintwork and painted decoration, geometric and encaustic tiling to Sanctuary floor, high level cracks to west end, Pieta chapel step and altar. Members of the parish's executive group and maintenance group joined the meeting. The matters were discussed, professional reports tabled and a tour of the church undertaken. It is strongly recommended that the parish uses an architect accredited in building conservation to manage the complete project and co-ordinate the specialist repairs.

**St Mary's Derby** – grade II\* listing – upgrading of sound system. As advised previously the work was carried out without prior approval. The HCC viewed the installation and agreed that it looked satisfactory. The parish will provide the necessary paperwork in order that the statutory bodies can be consulted.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell** – possible candidate for listing – sacristy refurbishment. The parish wishes to refurbish the sacristy following the removal of the woodwork that was infested with woodworm and the Poor Clare Sisters' decision to worship

with the parish rather than convert the sacristy to use as their choir area. Further information is awaited in order that it can be considered.

**St Mary's, Loughborough** – grade II listing – hall extension. The parish wishes to build an extension to the hall and further information is awaited. It is understood that although it will be within the curtilage, it will be to the rear of the church.

#### **Meeting of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 held via video conferencing owing to pandemic**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby de la Zouch** – grade II listing – handrails to church steps. The handrails have been installed.

**St Mary's, Boston** – possible candidate for listing – new heating to church. Further information has now been received from the parish. The heaters on either side of the Sanctuary are quite long so the entire cladding will be built up. Two chairs halfway down the nave, on each side, will need relocating and can be sited in the south west corner. The heaters have been ordered and work is scheduled to commence 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

**St Mary's, Derby** – grade II\* listing – repairs to stonework, glazing, paintwork and painted decoration, geometric and encaustic tiling to Sanctuary floor, high level cracks to west end, Pieta chapel step and altar. Mr Rogan, committee member and architect accredited in conservation, has been approached by the parish priest to manage the project. Mr Rogan would welcome Mr Leaney's advice about the decoration.

**St Mary's, Derby** – grade II\* listing – upgrading of sound system. The statutory bodies have now been consulted and no adverse comments were received. The determination and faculty have been issued and the certificates returned duly completed.

**St Mary Crowned, Glossop** – grade II listing – re-location of toilet in former link to presbytery. Work has now finished and certificates of commencement and completion received.

**St Mary Crowned, Glossop** – grade II listing – re-ordering, internal repairs and redecoration. Subject to Board approval a certificate of commencement is awaited.

**All Saints, Hassop** – grade I listing – meeting room to rear of church. Further drawings have been received from the architect and were circulated via email. Downpipes to be moved off the stonework, metal framed windows well received, interior finish to remain as exposed stone walls – to be treated as an enclosed outdoor space. Garage design well received with flat roof and dug into the bank. Mr Brooks is consulting Peak Park Planning. On receipt of updated paperwork the statutory consultation can commence.

**St Hugh of Lincoln, Lincoln** – grade II listing – repairs to stonework and tower. The parish was just finalising its Lottery grant application when the NLHF announced it was closing all grant applications in order to open a Covid-19 crisis fund.

**St Augustine, Apostle of England, Nottingham** – grade II listing – roof repairs. Following discussions at the last meeting and subsequent email correspondence it was agreed to consult the statutory bodies for approval to strip off the existing asphalt, which is in very poor condition, make good the concrete surface as necessary and fully waterproof the complete roof with Owl Lava20 fully reinforced seamless liquid membrane, with a 25 year material warranty. Nottingham City Council’s Conservation Officer approved the proposal and advised it would not require planning permission. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Society understood the urgency and that it was an affordable solution to keep the building watertight without a noticeable change to the appearance of the listed building and did not wish to comment further. Historic England raised concerns about the condition of the underlying surface and that it will probably require significant repair once the asphalt is removed and the parish will not be able to afford to pay for this work and the church could be left with a half-finished job. They asked that this be considered prior to commencement. Mr Rogan was consulted and it was agreed to test the proposal on some of the worst areas to see if it is viable. Mr Rogan has been asked to oversee the testing. A determination and faculty will be issued approving the work and requiring test areas are treated first. Mr Rogan advised that the interior of the domes should be subject to a hammer test every 5 years to remove any loose material.

**St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham** – grade II\* listing – HLF multi phased grant application. Mr Rogan updated the meeting. The first phase grant application “Discovering Pugin” had been completed but had come to a rather abrupt end owing to the coronavirus restrictions. Tobit Curteis Associates have reported on the damp. The damp to the columns would have been from groundwater and this problem no longer exists. The hygroscopic salts need drawing out and removing. There is therefore no real justification for taking up the floor and replacing it with a breathable floor. There is a condensation issue but this is owing to how the building is heated and could be eradicated by adopting a new heating strategy where there is a constant background heat. Pugin’s design could be reinstated in the ambulatory and eastern chapels as that area is visually separate to the rest of the Cathedral. It would be reproduced on lining paper leaving the old schemes underneath. Lining paper would be essential owing to mapping of the plaster. The parish needs to decide what it would like to do. Costs will also have to be taken into account. There is a strong presumption against conjectural restoration as it would be wrong to give a false picture. A site meeting with the Committee and Historic England would be beneficial once the coronavirus restrictions allow.

**St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham** – grade II\* listing – survey. The survey has been completed by Mr Rogan, Cathedral architect and submitted.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe** – Grade II\* listing – ongoing problems with reinforced concrete. The parish has asked the diocese for suggested professionals to assist. The parish needs to decide whether it wishes to seek a grant for repair or a grant for investigation as to why it is failing. Either there will be a cyclical need for repair or it requires drastic intervention and replacement.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe** – Grade II\* listing – installation of camera for streaming services. Information was circulated to the Committee for review in advance of the meeting. The Committee advised that the camera needs to be installed accurately on the centre line so it

does not affect the very powerful symmetry. This will require a bespoke mounting block. The camera would be better black or grey. Subject to that the statutory consultation can commence.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell** – possible candidate for listing – sacristy refurbishment. Following an infestation of woodworm in the sacristy approximately 2 years ago it was necessary to remove the fitted cupboards. Following feedback from the last meeting, the parish has provided further information. The work is being undertaken by a trained cabinet maker with over 30 years' experience working on a variety of grade I and grade II listed buildings including Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. All units will be made from oak. The linen press is the only surviving unit. The windows will remain along with the access door to the convent. The windows in the flower room will be boarded up from the inside and are not visible owing to being at the rear of the church, very close to boundary features. The new doors from the narthex into the church were also discussed. It was agreed they should be fully panelled with no glazing, and subject to that work could proceed.

#### **Meeting of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 held via video conferencing owing to pandemic**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby de la Zouch** – Grade II listing – handrails to church steps - the handrails have been installed as per the Conservation Officer's requirements and a certificate of completion is awaited.

**St Mary's, Boston** – Possible candidate for listing – the new heating work, comprising the installation of 6 fan coil heaters in the church (2 to the sanctuary, 2 to the nave, 2 to the rear) served by the existing boiler, along with 2 destratification fans, has been completed.

**St Mary's Derby** – Grade II\* listing - Mr Rogan has been appointed by the parish to oversee the works comprising repairs to stonework, glazing, decoration, high level cracks and the altar and step in the Pieta Chapel. The tiling to the sanctuary floor will also be considered further. The parish is hoping the work will be carried out between Easter and Christmas 2021. Susan Lee of Eskdale Restoration has been approached about restoring the medallions. Mr Rogan stressed the importance of having a good digital record of artwork, such as the medallions, so that if they should become lost or damaged they can be recreated.

**St Mary Crowned, Glossop** – Grade II listing – a determination and faculty have been issued for the re-ordering of the church to create a new toilet area and narthex, internal repairs to plaster and paintwork of walls and ceiling and refurbishment of timber pew platforms within the main body of church. Owing to costs the creation of a new toilet area and narthex is on hold. It is hoped that as this can be used by the wider community it may attract grant funding. The parish has had to omit the gilding of the angels and ceiling ribs at £36.7k and repaint them instead at £5k. They are aware that the gold coloured paint will discolour over time. The church also requires a partial rewire. The architect advises that the replacement of the wiring to the main body of the church will be on a like for like basis following the existing wiring routes. A significant proportion of the wiring is surface fixed, although where it is chased in the same routes will be followed using buried trunking which will facilitate any future re-wiring. Making good of the plasterwork will follow the specification agreed for the repairs.

**All Saints, Hassop** – Grade I listing – proposed meeting room to rear of church - Mr Brook has reverted to an insulated metal roof draining to the outer roof edge. The inner edge of the roof to step down to below the head of the church's stone window cills forming a gutter with downpipes either end draining internally. The ground level to be taken down to match the floor level in the church. This resolves the issue of having a large north facing fully glazed structure. Mr Rogan is confident this design will not leak, even if there is a lack of gutter clearing, and heating tape will be included in the gutter to melt any snowfall. The statutory consultation has been undertaken. Historic England did not wish to comment. The Georgian Group had no objection and the Conservation Officer at PDNPA, advised that it was a vast improvement but the authority couldn't provide a final formal comment until the planning application had been determined. Planning permission has been granted, and following completion of the statutory consultation process, during which no adverse comments were received, the determination and faculty can now be issued.

**St Hugh of Lincoln, Lincoln** – Grade II listing – repairs to stonework and tower - Cedars Steeplejacks have carried out an inspection of the stonework, tower and gable cross and advise a budget estimate for a full repair, including scaffolding, of c£285k. The parish was just finalising its grant application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund when it announced that it was closing all grant applications in order to open a Covid-19 crisis fund. Mr Rogan is considering what options the parish has to make the building safe. The church will not last another winter without some work being carried out. A quotation has been obtained for erecting scaffolding to provide low level protection that is sufficiently engineered to support the high level scaffolding for the tower repairs in due course.

**St Joseph's, Leicester** – grade II listing – the like for like upper roof replacement to the church has been completed.

**St Augustine, Apostle of England, Nottingham** – Grade II listing – while the plaster from the ceiling's two shallow saucer domes has been removed, the roof continues to leak and the expamet reinforcement continues to rust. Following discussions at the February 2020 meeting and subsequent email correspondence it was agreed to consult the statutory bodies for approval to strip off the existing asphalt, which is in very poor condition, make good the concrete surface as necessary and fully waterproof the complete roof with Owl Lava20 fully reinforced seamless liquid membrane, with a 25 year material warranty. Nottingham City Council's Conservation Officer approved the proposal and advised it would not require planning permission. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Society understood the urgency and that it was an affordable solution to keep the building watertight without a noticeable change to the appearance of the listed building and did not wish to comment further. Historic England raised concerns about the condition of the underlying surface and that it will probably require significant repair once the asphalt is removed and the parish will not be able to afford to pay for this work and the church could be left with a half-finished job. They asked that this be considered prior to commencement. Mr Rogan was consulted and it was agreed to test the proposal on some of the worst areas to see if it was viable. A determination and faculty were issued accordingly. Tests proved successful and the work has been completed satisfactorily. The interior of the church is very damp owing to the sustained water ingress, with mould on the carpets and requires drying out and a thorough clean before use. This is underway. The HCC certificates are awaited.



**St Barnabas Cathedral** – Grade II\* Listing – The first phase grant application “Discovering Pugin” has been completed but came to a rather abrupt end owing to the coronavirus restrictions. An amended Evaluation Report has been received from the Cathedral and has recently been circulated to the Committee by the Secretary. The findings indicate that the Blessed Sacrament Chapel may not be Pugin and was originally painted spring green. Dr Souto was surprised by this as there is no mention of spring green in any of the Cathedral booklets. The ceiling would have been dark blue with gold stars and the woodwork quite dark. Tobit Curteis Associates have reported on the damp. The damp to the columns would have been from groundwater and this problem no longer exists. The hygroscopic salts need drawing out and removing. There is therefore no real justification for taking up the floor and replacing it with a breathable floor. There is a condensation issue but this is owing to how the building is heated and could be eradicated by adopting a new heating strategy where there is a constant background heat.

Pugin’s design could be reinstated in the ambulatory and eastern chapels as that area is visually separate to the rest of the Cathedral. It would be reproduced on lining paper leaving the old schemes underneath. Lining paper would be essential owing to mapping of the plaster. The parish needs to decide what it would like to do. There is a strong presumption against conjectural restoration as it would be wrong to give a false picture. Additional paint research is required. The wall scanner has been unable to discover the original patterns owing to the number of paint layers and traditional methods will be used instead.

**St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham** – Grade II\* listing – the Cathedral and its architect have been contacted by Josephine Warren, Historic Churches Adviser of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales with a request that the Cathedral Fabric Needs Survey template be completed and returned by the end of March 2020 at the latest. This has been carried out. It is hoped that this survey will result in further government funding being made available for cathedrals. Two of the most urgent projects highlighted in this survey comprising a replacement boiler, including modifications to flues, as the existing one is obsolete and was becoming problematic last winter; and the internal roof within the tower combined with some external roof repairs to fix ongoing leaks, have formed an application to the Historic England Major Works fund being co-ordinated by the Bishop’s Conference. There is only one tower floor which is also the ceiling to the crossing above the high altar. Wind blows rain through the spire and belfry openings onto polythene laid over the floor, but with the increasingly heavy rain, water builds up on the polythene and eventually drips through the ceiling onto the altar and dais. A proper drained internal roof at belfry floor level or spire base level is needed to intercept the rain. In addition there is the risk of the polythene trapping damp and causing the floor boarding to rot, which would result in a significant fall from height if it were to give way. With regard to the Cathedral’s heating it may be worth an approach with the nearby Playhouse and Albert Hall to see if it is possible to connect into the district heating system.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe** – Grade II\* listing – Heritage at Risk register, the Heritage at Risk Projects Officer for Historic England, has contacted the parish for an update and would like to visit in the coming months to re-assess the condition of the building. The parish is intending to instruct Price and Myers structural engineers, to re-inspect the building and prepare

a condition report with recommendations. This will focus on the ongoing problems with the reinforced concrete window columns and mullions.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, Nottingham** – Grade II\* listing – following the statutory consultation process, during which no adverse comments were received, a determination and faculty have been issued for the installation of a camera for streaming services. A certificate of commencement is awaited.

**St John the Baptist, Melton Mowbray** – grade II listing - proposal for decoration, restoration and additions to the Sanctuary - a copy of the architect's proposal was circulated before the meeting, including a statement of justification. The purpose of the work was two-fold: to improve the present lectern, altar and presidential chair to support the liturgy of the Mass and to enrich and beautify the Sanctuary and church both to fortify the liturgies and to enhance the heritage of the building.

- \* A new lectern and presidential chair in oak would mirror the design, colour and materials of the existing altar which would be enhanced with additional new mouldings and carved elements.

- \* Reredos / Tabernacle setting – the existing tabernacle and candles would be retained within a new stepped and canopied setting with flower plinths at each end. It would also be in oak and mirror the design of the altar.

- \* The Sanctuary dais would be extended into the nave to make space for a fuller lectern and presidential chair and an elevated position for ceremonies. The position of the step would be very similar to its position prior to the 2011 alterations.

- \* The font would be raised on the extended Sanctuary dais.

- \* Arch decoration – the original stencilled and gilded decoration around the Sanctuary arch would be reinstated either by restoring the original or replicating it if its condition is poor. However the inscription in Latin would be redone in English which reads “How lovely are your tabernacles O Lord of hosts. My soul longs and faints for the courts of the Lord.”

- \* Wall decoration – the east and side walls would be redecorated with stencilled patterns reflecting the original 19<sup>th</sup> Century decoration but being lighter and less intense. Stencilled decoration around the large east and west windows would be reinstated.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe** – grade II\* listing – creation of external shrine (Mary garden) - the parish is seeking informal advice about its proposal to create an external shrine. It is also approaching the local planning authority. The Committee had no strong views about the proposal as long as the hexagonal paving is not disturbed. Mr Leaney commented, via email, that the use of metal framing with foliage over, in damp conditions, will encourage mould and lichen.

#### **Meeting of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020 held via video conferencing owing to pandemic**

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby de la Zouch** – Grade II listing – **Handrails to church steps** - the handrails have been installed in accordance with the Conservation Officer's requirements and a certificate of completion has been received.

**St Mary's Derby** – Grade II\* listing - **Various like for like repairs** - some of these repairs formed an application by the parish to the Historic England Major Works fund being co-

ordinated by the Bishops' Conference. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful as they didn't meet the criteria. The repairs to stonework and glazing is due to commence after Easter owing to contractors' availability. The restoration of the Tomassi medallions by Sue Lee will definitely go ahead although is delayed as the parish wishes to fundraise first. However owing to its condition the "Jesus Meets His Mother" medallion may be done sooner.

**St Mary Crowned, Glossop** – Grade II listing – **Re-ordering, internal repairs and redecoration** - a determination and faculty have been issued for the re-ordering of the church to create a new toilet area and narthex, internal repairs to plaster and paintwork of walls and ceiling and refurbishment of timber pew platforms within the main body of church. Owing to costs the creation of a new toilet area and narthex is on hold. The Board has now approved the scheme subject to a Glossop Mission Reporting Group being established.

**All Saints, Hassop** – Grade I listing – **Proposed meeting room to rear of church** - planning permission has been granted, and following completion of the statutory consultation process, during which no adverse comments were received, the determination and faculty have been issued. A tender report will be produced and the diocese will be included in its circulation.

**St Hugh of Lincoln, Lincoln** – Grade II listing – **repairs to stonework and tower** - owing to health and safety concerns low level protection has now been erected. It is sufficiently engineered to support the high level scaffolding for the tower repairs in due course once funding is available. The stonemason has provided some photographs which seem to confirm that anything greyish in colour is likely to be cement rather than stone. The parish is looking at alternative grants to the NLHF owing to timescales and the ongoing hire costs of the scaffolding.

**St Augustine, Apostle of England, Nottingham** – Grade II listing – **roof repairs** - the roof repairs have been completed. The interior of the church is drying out and certificates of commencement and completion have now been received.

**St Barnabas Cathedral** – Grade II\* Listing – **HLF multi phased grant application**  
An amended Evaluation Report has been received and circulated to the Committee. The findings indicate that the Blessed Sacrament Chapel may not be Pugin and was also originally painted spring green. Professor Liang will be comparing her findings with archive research and the results will be shared in due course. It is proposed to work on the 3D model to improve its appearance and this will be carried out using information from Professor Liang. It is also proposed that Eskdale Restoration will undertake a small amount of paint investigation in order to find out more about Pugin's designs. There is a condensation issue but this is owing to how the building is heated and could be eradicated by adopting a new heating strategy where there is a constant background heat. Perhaps Pugin's design could be reinstated in the ambulatory and eastern chapels as that area is visually separate to the rest of the Cathedral. It would be reproduced on lining paper leaving the old schemes underneath. Lining paper would be essential owing to mapping of the plaster. The parish needs to decide what it would like to do. Costs will also have to be taken into account. At the meeting held in June 2020 Mr Lewis advised that there is a strong presumption against conjectural restoration as it would be wrong to give a false picture. A site meeting with the Committee and Historic England would be beneficial and this will be arranged once the coronavirus restrictions allow. More partners are

being sought for the second phase including NTU and the University of Nottingham. Committee members were invited to provide any suggested contacts, particularly at Nottingham University. The sustainability of the site is also being considered.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe** – Grade II\* listing – **Heritage at Risk register** - ongoing problems with the reinforced concrete window columns and mullions. The parish applied for a grant for emergency repairs to the mullions from the Covid-19 Heritage at Risk fund and also the Historic England Major Works fund. The latter being co-ordinated by Bishops' Conference. Unfortunately the parish was unable to contact its architect during lockdown, despite numerous attempts, and therefore the applications had insufficient up-to-date detail.

**The Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe, Nottingham** – Grade II\* listing – **installation of camera for streaming services** - following the statutory consultation process, during which no adverse comments were received, a determination and faculty have been issued for the installation of a camera for streaming services. A certificate of commencement and completion have been received.

**St John the Baptist, Melton Mowbray** – grade II listing - **proposal for decoration, restoration and additions to the Sanctuary** – a copy of the architect's revised proposal was circulated with the agenda. Following the last meeting the intention is that they will add only *new* decoration to the Sanctuary at the church and will not investigate or restore any original decoration that may exist beneath the existing paint and plaster, owing to a lack of funds. They will not be altering or damaging any original decoration. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that as the new scheme is not causing harm, and any original decoration would be preserved underneath for future investigation, it could go to statutory consultation.

**St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham** – grade II\* listing – **heating design, new boiler, flue alterations** - Following the Cathedral's successful grant application for funding towards a replacement boiler, which must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. A heating engineer has been briefed by the Cathedral Architect - whilst the urgent need is a replacement boiler, there are some wider considerations including looking at proposals to re-order the interior of the Cathedral, re-decorate and enhance facilities on the site. The existing heating system does not get the Cathedral very warm and there are complaints; the system is also used on an on-off basis which promotes condensation cycles on the internal walls and ceilings which may be a cause of discolouration and is not helped by the fact that the interior is poorly ventilated. A system where, in Winter, constant background heat is provided and only boosted for worship to try and reduce the formation of condensation, if this is possible in a cost effective way, would be ideal. There is also the usual issue of lack of radiators, especially in the centre of the space, and such radiators as do exist are contributing to damage to stonework by drawing out salts. While connecting to Nottingham's district heating system would probably be cost prohibitive it might be prudent to leave the possibility of an alternative heating approach in the future. The existing Beeston Beverley boiler installed in 1999 is in urgent need of replacement. The existing flue arrangement has been inspected and can be used and therefore it is a like for like boiler replacement. The new boiler will be specified to meet current and future needs.

**St Barnabas Cathedral** – grade II\* listing – **belfry floor / internal tower roof** - following the Cathedral's successful grant application for this work, which must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, the Cathedral Architect is considering alterations to the belfry floor and provision of an internal tower roof to stop water ingress. Currently rainwater collects on plastic sheeting laid on the belfry floor and subsequently drips onto the Sanctuary. Photographs and drawings were circulated before the meeting. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the proposal was acceptable in principle and it could go to statutory consultation.

## MEMBERSHIP

- Rev Canon E Jarosz MA VG, Parish Priest, HCC current Chair, member of the Cathedral Chapter, member of the Bishop's Council, College of Consultors, Council of Priests, Board of Directors, member of the Ecumenical Commission, Inter-religious Co-ordinator, member of the Ecclesiastical Education Commission, member of the Building and Sites Committee and Health and Safety Committee, took over as Chair of the HCC following the resignation of Monsignor McGovern.

- 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 Alex Adkins MA PGCE VF, Parish Priest, representing the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. **(Resigned from the HCC September 2020)**

- 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.
- Dr Ana Souto (BA Art History, MA, PhD Art history, PhD Spanish and Latin American Studies), Senior Lecturer at Nottingham Trent University since 2007. Her research interests lie in architecture as a cultural manifestation of national identity. In this context Ana dealt with the search for national identity in post-revolutionary Mexico, and the 1929 Iberoamerican Exhibition in Seville. More recently, her research deals with architecture and its relationship with memory, manifested in the construction of memorials, museums and the maintenance/ destruction of traces. These themes are currently being analysed using participatory methods and co-production of knowledge as part of multidisciplinary approaches and collaborations. She has supervised a number of PhDs in the area of conservation of heritage, and is currently a Panel Member of Nottingham Heritage partnership (Carrington Street Area Townscape Heritage Scheme). Her research has been published in academic peer review journals, and disseminated through international and local exhibitions. Representing architectural or art historian with knowledge of 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> century ecclesiastical architecture and design.
- Fr Denis Labartette IC appointed to the Committee as a member of a religious congregation whose congregation owns property in the Diocese. Fr Denis is a Rosminian based at Grace Dieu Lodge in Thringstone.
- Mr David Lawes, Diocesan Chief Operating Officer, responsible for the financial administration of the Diocese.

## 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 2020 are borne by the Diocese and are not separately identified. The member responsible for financial matters for the Diocese and HCC Secretary are the only persons directly employed by the Diocese and encompass HCC matters in their normal duties as Diocesan Chief Operating Officer and Property Manager respectively.

## APPEALS

None.

## ENCLOSURES

Minutes of the meetings for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

## RECORDS

All Committee Records are available for Public Inspection by arrangement.



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Signed by Rev Canon E Jarosz MA VG  
Chair

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

Signed by Mrs Rachael Oxspring  
Secretary

Signed: ..... Dated: .....