

## Notice of an Application for a Faculty

In the Diocesan Court of

Monmouth

The parish or Cathedral Church of

St Michael, Lower Machen

Take notice that

Wayne Barnett

Has presented an Application in the Court for the grant of Faculty, whereof the following are the general terms:

The southern boundary wall of the church is showing signs of significant distress to the extent that sections of the wall have collapsed into the neighbouring garden.

The wall has been inspected by Mann Williams, structural engineers who identified that the wall was in poor condition with evidence of open joints, loose masonry and vegetation growth. These issues are described more fully in their report which accompanies this application.

The parish accepts the following Mann Williams recommendations to address the issues as follows-

i) Where existing masonry is in reasonable condition there should be minor consolidation works including repointing and/or rebedding of loose or missing stonework, any penetrating or surface vegetation is removed to mitigate further deterioration to the masonry.

ii) Within the churchyard local reduction of the ground levels where they are banked up next to the wall back to the natural ground level (typically a maximum of approximately 300mm) thereby removing the apparent build-up of soil accumulated, presumably due to past burials.

iii) The central approx. 7-8m section of the wall to be rebuilt to full height by replacing the current structural form with a mass masonry retaining wall with a stepped rear face. and the stonework either side of the rebuilt section is to be raked back to suitably tie new masonry to the existing and to address issues of poor consolidation along wall heads.

iv) Stainless steel rods at regular vertical centres to be provided to tie the rebuilt masonry to the retained masonry.

Any person, body or society, wishing to make representations regarding the proposals must do so in writing, addressed to the Diocesan Registrar, Tim Russen, Monmouth Diocesan Registry Equity Chambers John Frost Square Newport, (from whom further particulars may be obtained), within 28 days of the date hereunder written, which is the date of initial display hereof.

Date: 23/01/2022

Signed: Wayne Barnett

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at St Michael & All Angels Church Lower Machen

and at the church website

<https://lowermachen.church/announcements/>.

