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Diocese:	Llandaff	Archdeaconry:	Margam
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Statement of Needs

General information

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St Mary's Church Aberavon is need of external remedial works to preserve and maintain the fabric of the building for the present and the future.

There is a significant amount of pointing to be carried out, together with repairs to masonry on the tower and surrounding areas to prevent further water ingress. All this is detailed in the attached architect's report and the quinquennial inspection. CADW has been consulted and have offered a grant. This grant is conditional on us also replacing plastic rainwater goods with iron.

The building is not just used by the local congregation, but by choirs and schools for concerts and school services and as a venue for exhibitions. Schools visit because of the history, and the churchyard is significant as the burial place of Dic Penderyn and as the oldest graveyard in the parish. It is a local focal point for the community and the place where special moments in the life of the nation are celebrated and remembered. It is clearly visible from the M4 and has an iconic significance in the locality.

The average weekly attendance is 54

What is needed?

The works need to be undertaken in order to prevent any further deterioration of the building in localised areas.

The proposal

The proposals look to return the building envelope to good order by appointing a contractor to carryout the repair and conservation works.

Why?

The justification to carryout the proposals to meet the needs of the building is based upon the requirment to prevent any further water ingress to the interior of the building. Therfore the justification is to keep the interior dry and for the external envelope to perform as it was designed to do so.

Justification

There are no changes to the fabric which would harm the signficance of the building.