

Case Study

St. Thomas' Church

Exeter



Craftsmen in the
Conservation of
Historic Buildings

Re-roofing of a Grade II listed church on the Heritage at Risk register.

Ellis and Co completed a major programme of roof repairs to St Thomas's Church in Exeter. This Grade I listed Gothic church, some of which dates between 14th C and ca.1646 and with a north aisle of ca. 1810 and a chancel of 1829. It is the largest church in Exeter but severely affected by the ingress of water. Works included roof structure repairs, re-slating and leading the roof.



Roof slates were removed, assessed and broken ones replaced with welsh slate. Timbers were repaired, and a new flat roof was laid above the Lady Chapel. Water drainage iron hoppers and downpipes were fitted replacing inadequate plastic pipes. A custom rooflight was fitted, as were roof anchors for planned solar panels. Masonry was cleaned lightly using a poultice method and repaired and structural supports added where necessary. The parapet walls were rebuilt substantially on the east side of the transept.

