

Case Study

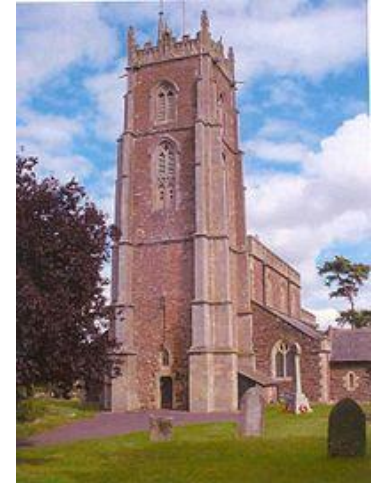
St Thomas Church, Easton in Gordano

Roof and masonry conservation



Craftsmen in the
Conservation of
Historic Buildings

There has been a church on this North Somerset site since the 1200s. The majority of the church was built between 14th and 15th Century and rebuilt along with the addition of a tower in 1870's. English Heritage have given the church a Grade II listing. It is built of coursed rubble with freestone dressings, slate roofs behind embattled parapets.



Works included stripping slates, repairing the lead gutters with a mastic liner to reduce cost and risk of lead theft, and the installation of overflow channels. We repaired roof timbers and reslated the nave and chancel roofs. We repaired lathing in the crumbling ceilings, installed rock wool thermal insulation and replastered the nave and chancel ceilings and walls with traditional horse haired lime plaster and lime wash finish.



Protections were applied to secure important internal and external features including the organ, altar and grave stones during the works.



Internal ceiling works before, during and after.

Masonry repairs were made to the parapet walls and high level masonry. Replacement parapet roof stones and stone tile ridges were carved by our masons and fixed in place. The clockface was redecorated with specialist black oil based paint and gold leaf.



Mastic gutter shown to the left, alongside the reslated roof in welsh slate tiles, many of which had been sponsored by parisioners in support of the re-roofing project. Right shows the refurbished rainwater goods and newly installed overflow channel.

The works took place between March and September 2016 under instruction from Beech Tyldesley architects.

