

Case Study

St Mary's Church

Hampstead Norreys



Craftsmen in the
Conservation of
Historic Buildings

Trades – Leadwork, Carpentry, Rendering, Limewashing, Structural

History of the Building

St Mary's Church, a Grade 1 listed building, is located in the heart of the village of Hampstead Norreys which was mentioned in the Domesday Book and is a magnificent historic building that was built in the 12th century.

It is one of the oldest buildings in the village and continues to be a main focal point for villagers. In the 15th century, the church was extended and the tower was added. The last major construction project was undertaken in 1880 when the vestry and chancel arch were added.

The tower contains a ring of six bells. Five bells date from the 17th and 18th century. The 4th bell is listed in the Church Building Council's "Schedule of Bells for Preservation" in the Oxford Diocese.



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Description of work completed by Ellis & Co

Repairs to the Grade 1 listed medieval church included:-

- new lead roof to the tower with associated repairs to carpentry,
- repair/conservation of masonry and render to the tower walls,
- structural repairs to tower walls,
- renewal of tile roof to vestry,
- repairs to masonry tablings and window surrounds to the main body of the church,
- overhaul of bells installation,
- repairs to bellframe.



Client	PCC of St Mary's Church
Architect	Andrew Townsend
Engineer	Hockley & Dawson
Funding	English Heritage Grant
Total Contract Value	£159,129