

Gloucester Cathedral

Project Pilgrim

Major Internal Reordering. An additional roofing contract was completed.



Project Pilgrim aims to improve access and create a welcoming visitor experience at Gloucester Cathedral. The whole project includes interior and exterior works. In this part of the project the internal reordering includes alterations to the South Porch including installing a new glazed entrance lobby, glass cloister door, and glazed balustrades. Creation of a new welcome area with improved access throughout the Cathedral including access ramps and installation of a platform lift. Installation of a new purpose-built shop on the North Nave side of the Cathedral including bespoke furniture. Extensive conservation cleaning of masonry and stained glass windows. A full M&E package including installation of lighting and under floor heating. The £1.6m project took place between January and November 2017 with instruction from St Anns Gate architects.



The font and Christopher Whall glass panels were removed to allow access during works. Extensive dry and wet poultice cleaning and conservation of stonework was completed throughout the Lady Chapel. Lime plaster repairs were made and walls limewashed. Alongside masonry repairs including to decorative stonework and windows this has created a more appealing appearance. Stained glass windows were clean by specialists and glazing repairs including replacement of copper ties and bars.

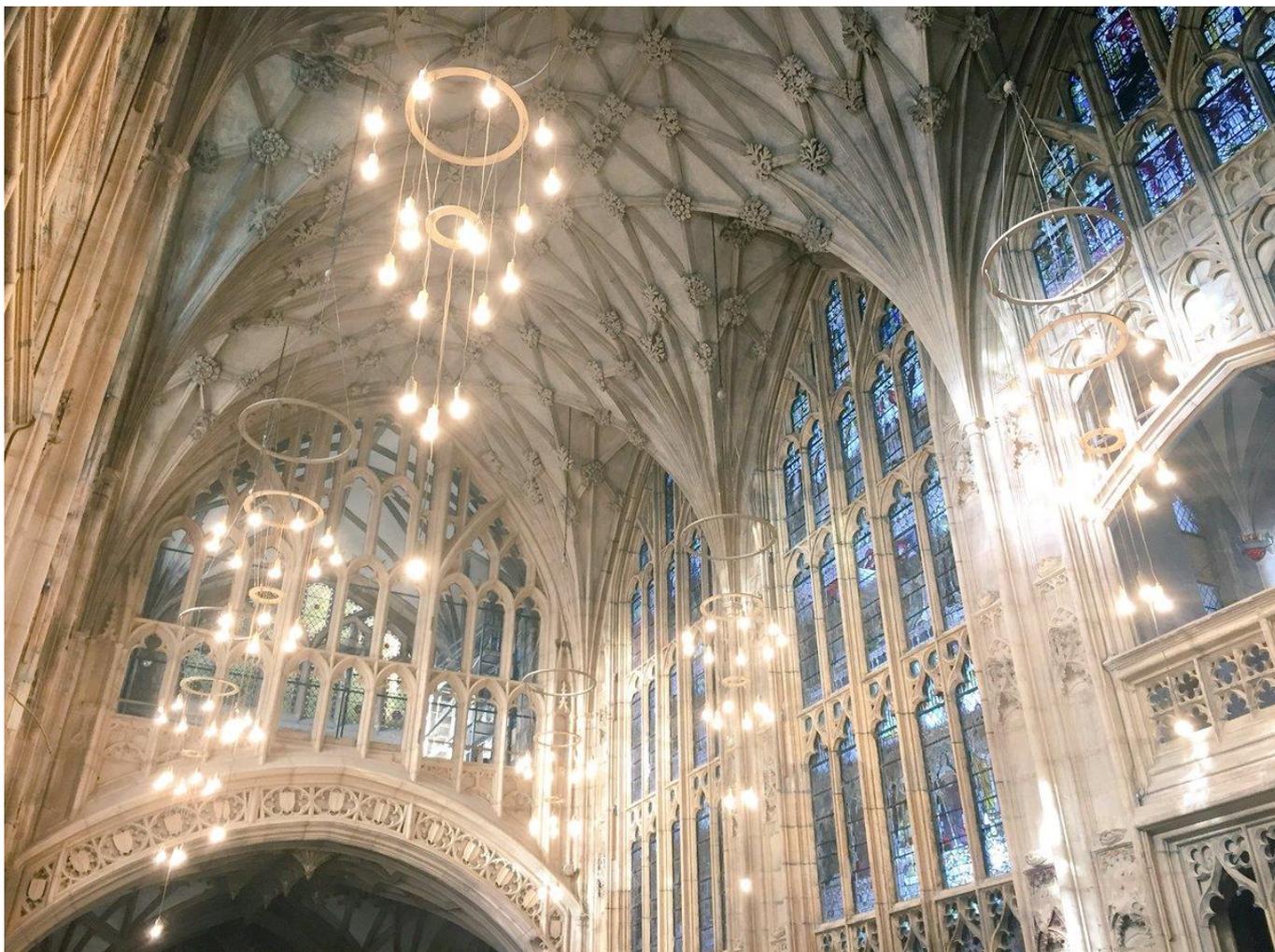


Top bosses before and after cleaning. Bottom glazing repairs and Cathedral project team inspection.

The Cathedral is a busy public venue so the programming included timing key aspects, particularly of the lift installation, around Holy Week celebrations. Access routes were carefully managed to enable the Cathedral to stay safely open to visitors throughout the major works. This project included a strong element of public engagement about the works with fundraising, tours and social media.



(l) Lifting floor tiles and laying underfloor heating in the lady Chapel. (r) Lifting the ledger stones.



Above: Lighting installed in the newly cleaned Lady Chapel. Below: new glazed entrance lobby.

