

## Re-roofing the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Batcombe



St Marys Church, Batcombe is a Grade I listed church in Somerset dating to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is built of rubble, ashlar and dressed with local Doulling stone. In 2017 we re-laid the Nave and Aisle lead roofs and repaired masonry. We erected a temporary roof to protect the Nave, and Aisle roofs, then lifted and replaced the eroded lead.

Our carpenters repair timbers and constructed and fitted new oak rafter feet. Additional timbers, concrete and sacrificial lead were built in to support the future installation of a solar panel array. Guttering was removed and reinstated.

Our skilled masons re-fixed loose parapet coping stones and the pinnacle stones to the south-east corner of the spire. Pierced parapet stones and fractured sections of the western pinnacle spire were pinned. Mortar along the parapet copings was raked out and repointed with hydraulic lime.

Protections were applied to save the organ and windows from dust and physical damage. The church remained in use during the works.



The works commenced November 2016 and completed early June 2017 by instruction of Benjamin Beauchamp Architects.

