



PRESS RELEASE

WORK TO START ON CHURCH WINDOW RESTORATION

ST OSWALD'S CHURCH FULFORD YORK

St Oswald's Church, Fulford will be starting work on the restoration of the beautiful stained glass rose window in its north transept. The total cost of the project is about £75,000 and is partly funded by a generous grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

St Oswald's is a listed Victorian church in Fulford with a strong and lively congregation. However, the north transept rose window is in a very poor condition and in danger of falling out of its mounting. The church community has been fund-raising for its restoration for many years.

The works will start in early July and take around 14 weeks. The stonework will be cleaned and renewed where necessary, and the stained glass will be taken away for cleaning and repair. The works will be undertaken in strict accordance with COVID19 regulations. Pocklington stonemasons, MB Masonry and Restoration, will be the lead contractor.

Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players and the generosity of the church congregation, the project will restore the rose window to its original Victorian beauty. The project will also include a community education project where local people and children can learn about the art, design, meaning and heritage of the stained glass in the church.

The Church Warden, Bryan Milner said "It's great news we are starting work on this project. Its completion is eagerly awaited by our congregation who are looking forward to moving back into the church."

Notes to Editors

About St Oswald's

St Oswald's, Fulford is a listed Victorian church. Originally built in 1866, the church was rebuilt in 1877-78 following a serious fire.

St Oswald's Church plays a very important part in the community life of Fulford. There is a large and active congregation with over 100 people on the electoral roll. It is also the scene for many baptisms, weddings and funerals, including for the traveller community of York who use it as their local church.

The church has an important range of Victorian stained glass windows. The transept windows are by the well-known stained-glass makers, Clayton and Bell, and date from the rebuilding of the church in 1877-1878.

The community education project associated with the restoration will include open days, primary school visits, and special events including guided tours and lessons on stained glass making.

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