

RENAISSANCE

The changing demographic of Bradford led the Diocese in the early 21st century to give serious consideration to closing St Patrick's. However, The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal took occupation of the now redundant convent and presbytery in 2005 and reinvigorated the church.

Building on the work of the Friars and the commitment of the new Bishop of Leeds, Marcus Stock, the Diocese took the decision to put in substantial investment in St Patrick's and since 2011 a number of areas of work have been undertaken which have seen the fabric of the church put into better repair and in 2017/18 a substantial programme of repair was started which saw the following works undertaken:

- Stripping, insulating and re-slating of the roofs
- The installation of new lead damp proof courses to the walls.
- Comprehensive repair, replacement and redcoration of the cast iron gutters and fallpipes
- Replacement of rot affected roof timbers
- The infilling of the rooflights in the North and South aisle roofs
- The raking out and repointing of high level sections of the walls
- Repairs to the stained glass windows
- Removal of Asbestos Containing Material
- Stripping out of redundant electrical and mechanical services
- The stripping out of the redundant organ from the organ loft .
- The removal of the vinyl tile floor finish in the Nave
- The opening up of the blind' windows at the East end of the South Aisle
- Undertaking dry rot remedial works
- Specialist investigation of the decorative finishes to the soffit boarding in the North and South Aisle and the walls of the Sanctuary
- Test cleaning of the encaustic tiled floor in the Lady Chapel and the removal of tiles to provide patterns for manufacture of replacements
- Removal of hardboard wall linings in the North and South Aisles to expose the 19th century pine boarding.



THE NAVE CLEARED AND THE SUSPENDED CEILING REMOVED



THE POLYSTYRENE TILES REMOVED FROM THE AISLE CEILINGS



THE BOARDING EXPOSED IN THE AISLES



THE LADY CHAPEL TILED FLOOR EXPOSED



REPAIRS TO THE RAFTERS UNDERTAKEN



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS REPAIRED



THE AISLE ROOFS REPAIRED, INSULATED AND RE-SLATED



THE NAVE ROOF RE-SLATED AND INSULATED



THE SANCTUARY BOARDING REMOVED AND THE DECORATION SCHEME OF 1879 EXPOSED



THE AISLE CEILING DECORATION EXPOSED



THE IRON GUTTERS REPAIRED AND RE-DECORATED

***"I was not made a bishop to manage decline.
I was made a bishop to make Christ known.
We are here to stay and we are here to grow."***

*Bishop Marcus Stock
Bishop of Leeds*



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