



Saddleworth St Chad 'Seeing is Believing' Campaign Update

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Welcome to our first newsletter. Future newsletters will be circulated at regular intervals to the congregation and to the wider community to keep everyone informed of the changes taking place at Saddleworth St Chad.

Saddleworth St Chad Church, known as the 'Parish on the Moor' is registered by Historic England as a Grade II* building 'at Risk'. Rebuilt in 1831-33, this Church is situated on the hillside above the village of Uppermill. There has been a place of worship dedicated to St Chad on the current site for 800 years.

Church Members have for some time, recognised the need to undertake a restorative programme to ensure that the building remains open and is safe to use but also, re-imagine how the church can continue to be the place where significant moments in the lives of the people of Saddleworth are marked.

As part of a survey it was discovered that the *Great East Window* needed essential intensive remedial work to protect and conserve it, and the surrounding masonry. This window is of significant importance to the building and the heritage of Saddleworth. Designed and produced in the George Shaw workshops in Uppermill around 1860/70. Depicting Leonardo Da Vinci's *last Supper* in the lower section, the *Crucifixion* in the middle and the *Ascension* in the top.

Since 2016, the 'Seeing is Believing Campaign' has through determination and a variety of fundraising activities, successfully raised funds to commence work on the first phase of planned improvements.

It has been enabled through the hard work and dedication of Church members and patrons from the community.

Pre-commencement works for the repair and refurbishment of the east window and associated masonry will begin week commencing 9th December 2019. Scaffolding is to be erected so that detailed measurements and drawings can take place. The area will be secured and protected and a site compound will be established at the front of the church for ease of access.

Mather & Ellis have been appointed as contractor for the works and we are confident that there will be minimal disruption.

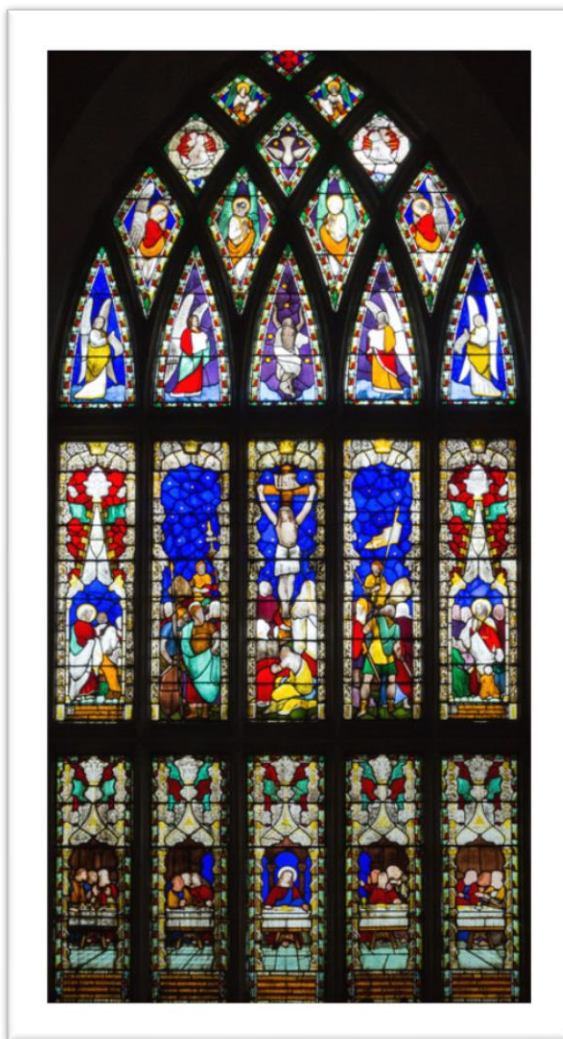
We will be providing timely reports and photographs to show the progress of the works which we expect to be finished in May 2020.

The Church now has a dedicated project team called 'Save Saddleworth Church'. Have you heard of us? This team has been set up to move the wider project forward as there is much to

do before the building is taken off the 'at risk' register.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact our team or the Church Wardens, who will be very happy to talk to you.

We continue to ask for your support and generosity to ensure the successful continuation and completion of this project to Save Saddleworth Church.



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