

Pinnacle update

November 2023



Pinnacle problems

During the clock restoration work it was discovered that the southwest pinnacle was in need of urgent restoration and repair, with the ravages of both weather and corrosion having taken their toll on the intricately carved stone:

- Driving rains and wind had eaten into the top stone.
- Corrosion of the original iron rod supporting the pinnacle had expanded to crack one of the main stones.
- The supporting stones had become loose.

Without repair and restoration, the pinnacle posed a serious risk.

Pinnacle prognosis

Detailed discussions between our architect and stone mason concluded that while most of the stones could be reset, two of the intricately carved stones were beyond saving and new needed to be carved.

Pinnacle restoration

Wiltshire Stonemasons of Broughton Gifford are now carving two new stones for us.

We are thrilled that Ewan a former Christ Church Primary and St Laurence Secondary School student and now a stone mason, has carved the top stone of our pinnacle for us, while Mark has carved the larger lower stone. It is clear from their complex and intricate carving that both very talented stone masons, and it is a joy to see these traditional skills in action.

Wiltshire Stonemasons will then reset and stabilise all the pinnacle stones back in place by the end of November 2023, the rest of the spire repairs will be completed, and the scaffolding can finally come down.

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More photo's of carving in action on the display at the back of church

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