

**CHRIST CHURCH, 2 COTTENHAM PARK ROAD, LONDON SW20 0RZ**  
**STONEMASON REPAIRS – Easter 2018**

Dear Friend and Supporter of Christ Church,

After Easter scaffolding will be installed around the Church building and you may wonder why. Some 40 years ago the stonework was extensively repaired using cement – which in those days was a way of effecting repairs. However it has not proved to be a lasting solution and recently a few small pieces of cement have fallen down onto the pathways around the Church. Therefore the Christ Church PCC (the Parochial Church Council) have taken the decision to effect urgent repairs under the supervision of our inspecting architect and with the approval of the diocese. The cement will be removed together with any loose and friable stonework. This first phase of work will cost around £20,000 + VAT. Once this has taken place, our inspecting architect and stonemason will be in a position to ascertain what further works may be required, which would take the form of repointing in a lime based mortar, and possibly some new stone. Lime based mortar allows the stonework to breathe, whereas cement doesn't, sealing in water and causing damage. As you may imagine this will be very costly and time-consuming work. The PCC knows we will have to spend a good deal above the initial £20,000 and that costs will rise after closer inspection of the stonework by our inspecting architect and the specialist firm engaged to carry out this work. This specialist firm carried out similar work to our West wall in 2015 and they have also repaired all our outer stone walls.

There are many calls upon the finances of the Church over and above our ordinary running costs. For example, we would like to redecorate the interior, restore the pipe organ as well as begin to tackle the refurbishment of the Hall. However this current work is having to take first priority to ensure the safety of all who come to the church. We have some capital monies in hand but this urgent work will seriously deplete our reserves.

***If you would like to donate towards this vital project, we would be pleased to receive your gift. Cheques can be made payable to CHRIST CHURCH WEST WIMBLEDON and either posted to the above address or handed to the Priest-in-Charge, to the Treasurer or to one of the Churchwardens – and if you are able to Gift Aid, that will increase your donation by 25%.***

Thank you for any support you are able to offer to ensure Christ Church is kept in good condition both for present and future generations of parishioners.

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