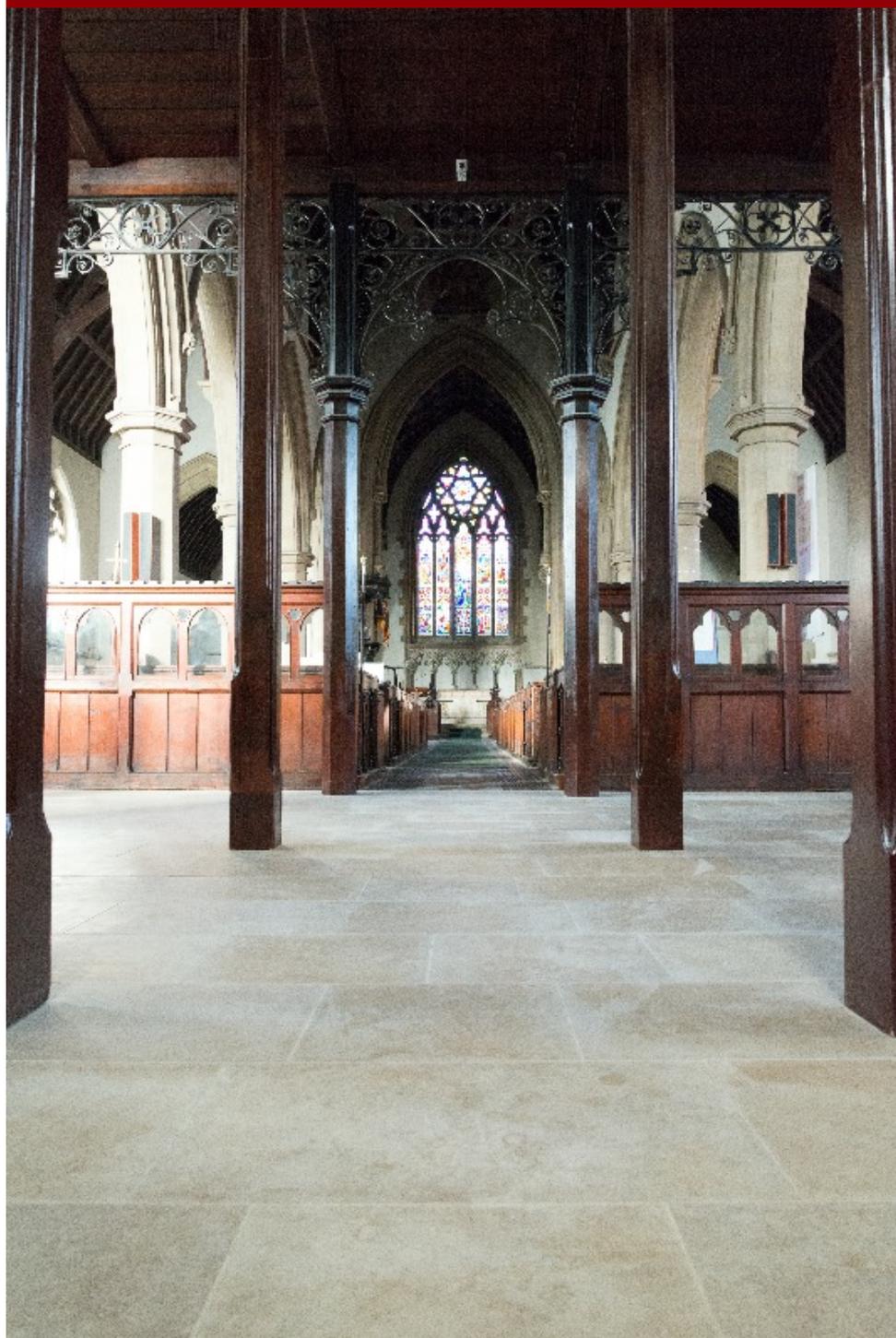


THE FRIENDS OF NEWPORT MINSTER

Newsletter 2017



The new welcome area inside the west door of Newport Minster and the restored east window. These are both part of Phase 5 of the restoration of Newport Minster which was completed this year. Find out more about this work and future plans inside.



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Charity Number 1133165



Vicar's letter

Dear Friends

As the year passes yet again, I am pleased to report solid achievement in relation to the appeal,

development in terms of our ministry as a Minster and further work in renewing the worshipping life of our community.

This year we have been able to complete a phase 5 of our restoration work. This was particularly significant in two respects. Firstly, we have made a modest start on the interior of the church. We have removed pews at the west end entrance and created a welcome area. Of particular interest is the new stone floor with underfloor heating that will one day be throughout the Minster. Secondly, we have been able to completely restore much of our stained glass windows and in particular the large east window above the High altar. The cleaning and repointing of the east and south east of the building makes a lasting impression. The work this year has dramatic impact on the interior and exterior of the Minster.

Alongside this, we have produced quality display boards for the new Isle of Wight Royal History Trail that link the Minster with Osborne House, Carisbrooke Castle, and Whippingham Church. The Trail leaflets will be widely available across the Island to encourage visitors, historians and pilgrims.

We have recently established a Project Board that will be the team taking

forward the final bid for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund and bring the appeal to a conclusion.

The manner in which we relate to the Island and the Diocese is undergoing a change. In addition to the Parochial Church Council, there will also be a Minster Council. The Minster Council will have a wide membership bringing representation and expertise from across the Island. This development will enable us to be more fully the Island Minster and allow us access to a wider base of experience and skills.

Our worshipping life is responding to the Bishop's challenge to grow new congregations. On the first Sunday of every month we have a sung Taize service at 6.30pm and on the first Saturday of every month at 4pm a simple half hour service for young children. In the coming year we look to have a monthly Choral Evensong.

The ongoing participation of so many people with prayer, financial support and words of encouragement are a significant support to me in my daily ministry. This year has been one of the most challenging I have experienced but the support has been tangible and real. My thanks go to you all.

The leadership of our Chairman, Hector Kier, has once again been of enormous value. The time and energy he devotes as well as the personal support for the Minster make an outstanding contribution.

Your priest and friend

Reverend Kevin Arkell

Phase 5 HLF Grant for Places of Worship

Phase 5 of the restoration and renewal of Newport Minster started at the beginning of January and was completed in July this year. This phase was the first to do work inside the church as well as outside and the result has been well worth the effort of all involved. The pictures below show the difference it has made.



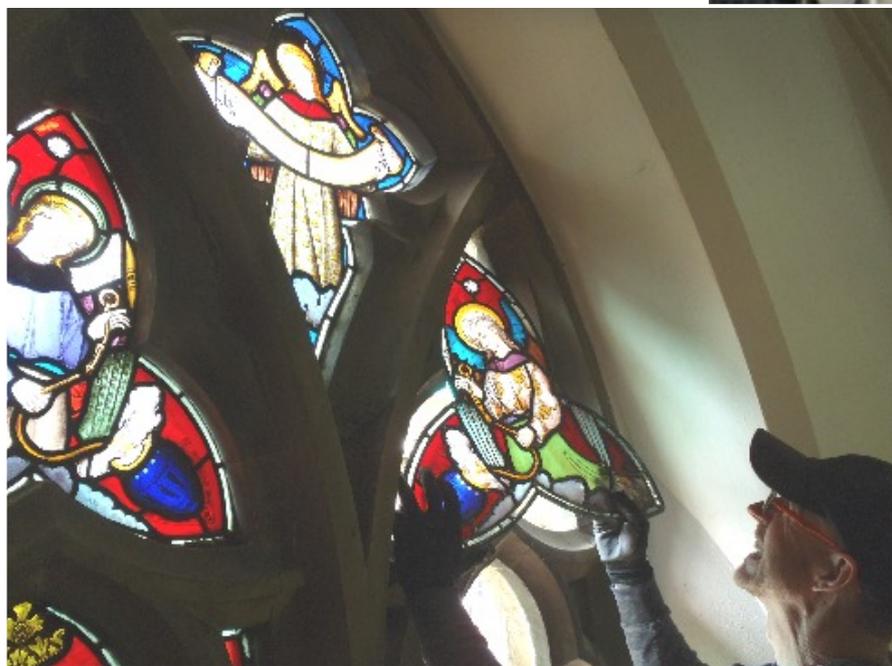
The outside work focused on the east end and south east corner of the church. The stonework was cleaned and, where necessary, restored.



The base of the east window before and after Phase 5 showing the difference made by cleaning the stonework and replacing worn stones.

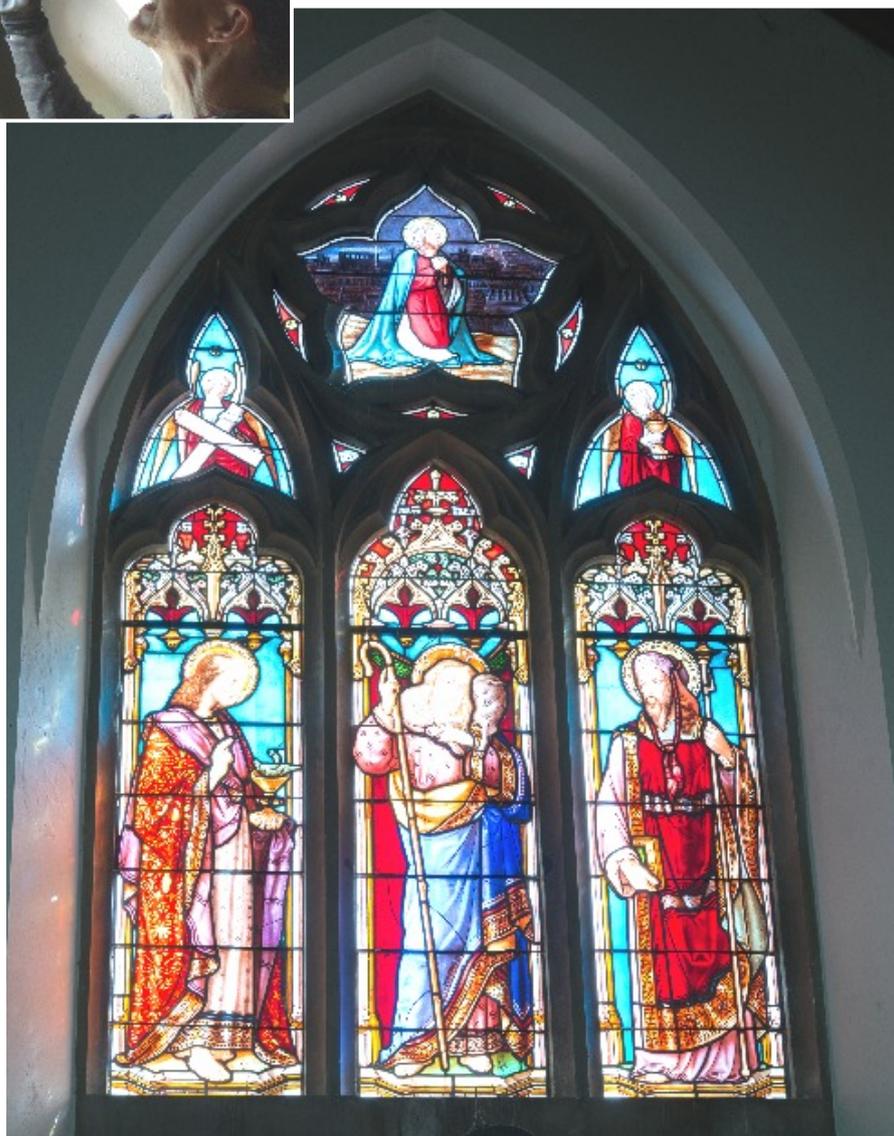


Windows formed a substantial part of the external work. The main east window, the window over the Horsey monument and some panes from the south window in the Horsey Chapel were removed and taken to a specialist glaziers for cleaning and repair.



Other windows were cleaned on site or replaced with new windows (in the kitchen and toilet).

Most of the stained glass windows in the Minster have now been cleaned and repaired. We invite you visit the Minster to see the stunning results for yourself, if you have not already done so.





The first stage of reordering the inside of the church has been to create a welcome area inside the west door. The pictures show the huge change this has made, opening up the area and making the main entrance much more welcoming.



A new interpretation board showing 'A Brief History of Newport Minster' has been created and is currently in the new welcome area, though it can be moved if necessary. It gives an overview of the history of the church using artefacts which can be found in the church as far as possible to encourage visitors to explore further. A new guide booklet complements this board and is available in a number of languages.

Following the work visitors were surveyed to get their responses. The results can be seen overleaf.

NEWPORT MINSTER

PHASE 5

EVALUATION

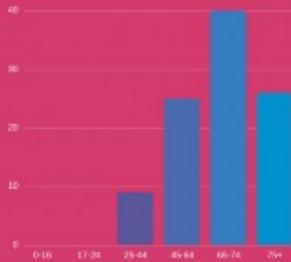


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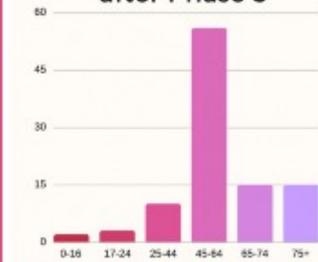


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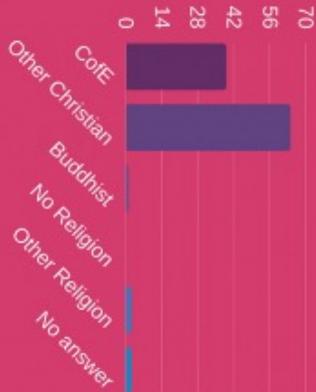
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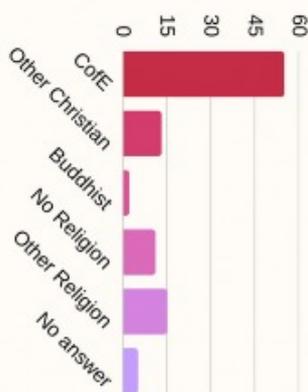
People in a wider range of ages visited after Phase 5



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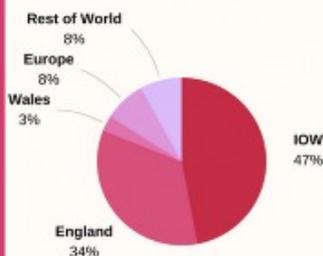
A wider range of people with different religious beliefs visited after Phase 5



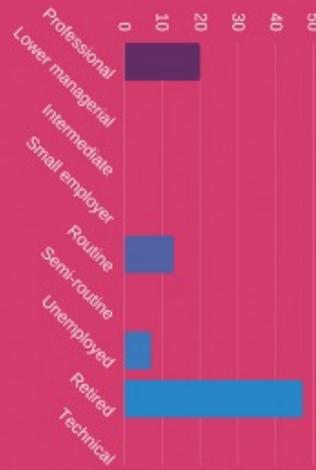
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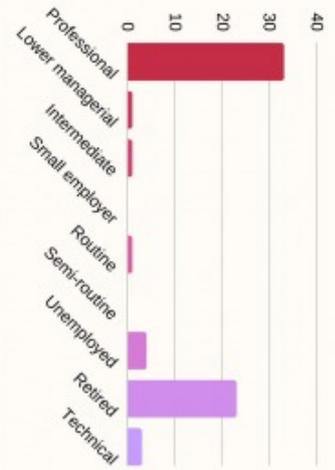
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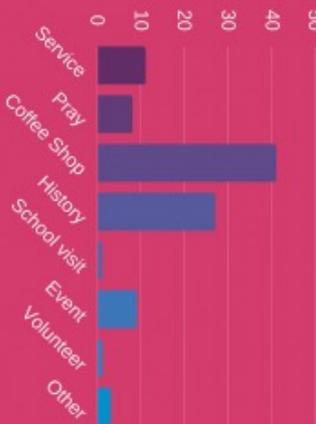
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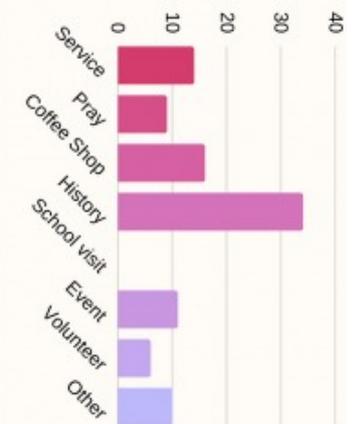
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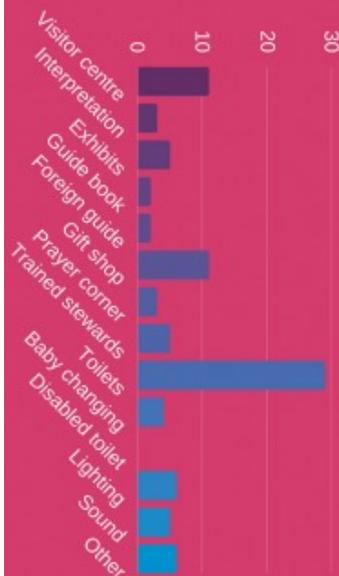
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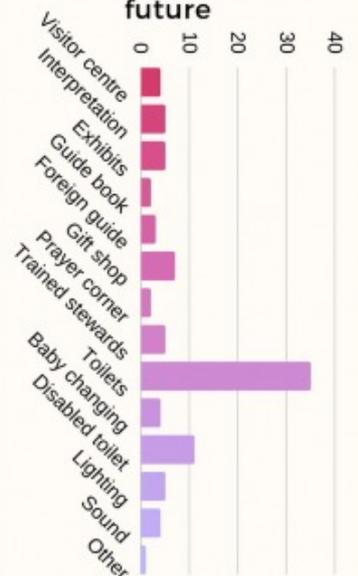
More people visited for the heritage after Phase 5



IMPROVEMENTS



Toilets would make the biggest difference to the most people in the future

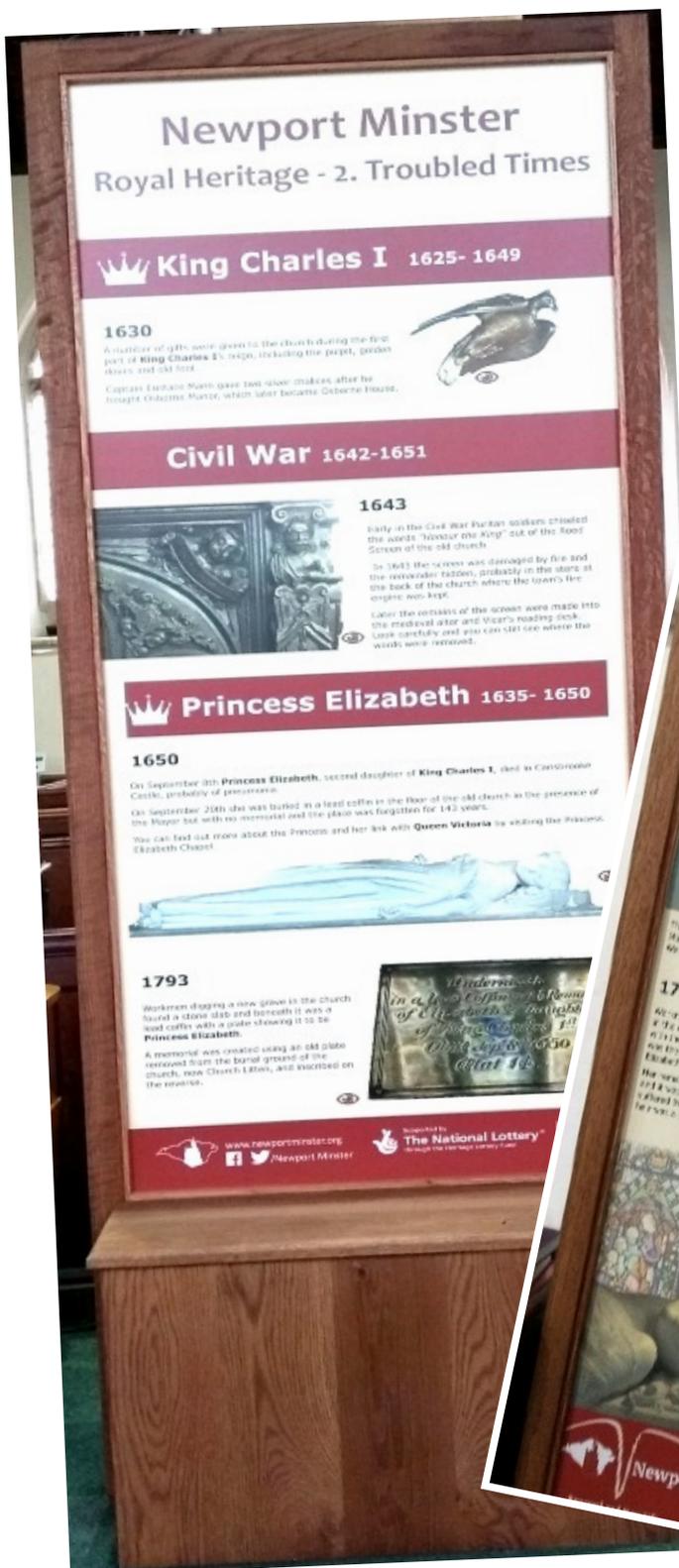


Isle of Wight Royal Heritage Trail HLF Sharing Heritage Grant

During the first part of this year Paul Medland, a local historian, was employed to carry out research into the Royal Heritage of the Minster. The resulting text has been used, together with input from Paul Gustar and various knowledgeable members of the congregation, to produce a set of interpretation boards and a trail leaflet.

Three large boards tell the story of the church through the Kings, Queens and Commonwealth of our nation. These are positioned by the pillars on the north side of the church.

Two smaller boards, which give more detail about Princess Elizabeth and Sir Edward Horsey, are positioned near their memorials.



All these boards are moveable to give flexibility of use. You can see samples of the content of two boards to the left.

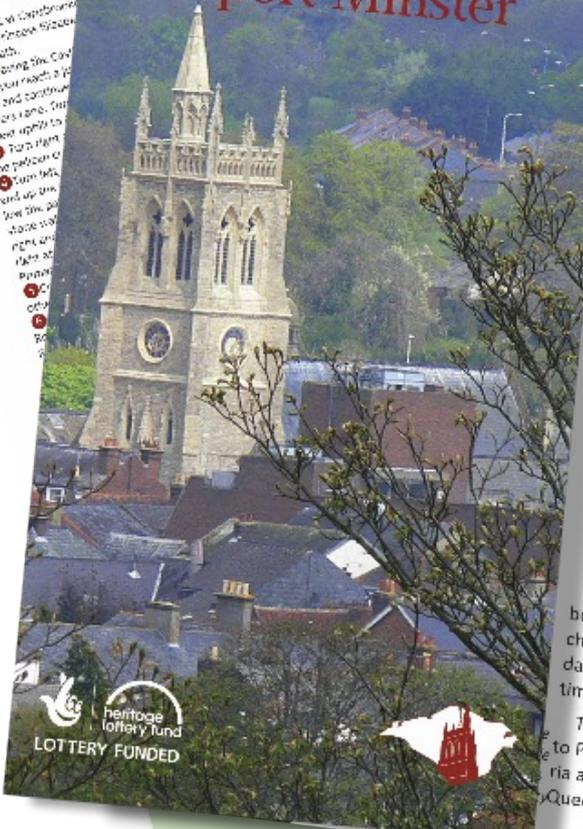
Make sure you have a look at them the next time you visit the Minster.

Isle of Wight Royal Heritage Trail

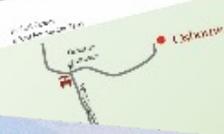
Isle of Wight Royal Heritage Trail Newport Minster

Walking Route

- 1 Start at Carisbrooke about 15 minutes walk from the Minster.
- 2 Legging the Carisbrooke and continue to the Minster.
- 3 Turn right to the Minster.
- 4 Turn left to the Minster.
- 5 Turn right to the Minster.
- 6 Turn left to the Minster.
- 7 Turn right to the Minster.
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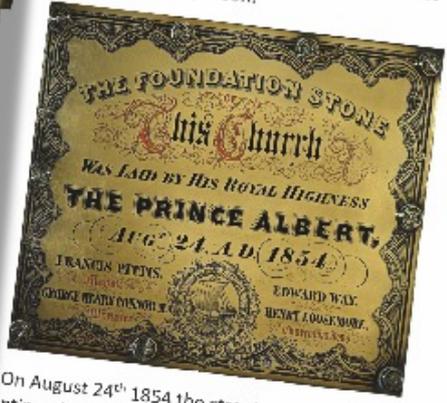
Bus Route

Bus stops are marked on the map. From Carisbrooke Castle walk down Carisbrooke Hill to the bus stop in a mini roundabout. Take the No. 6 or No. 38 bus to Newport bus station. Newport Minster is an easy walk from Newport bus station. Newport bus station is on the A303. Newport bus station is on the A303. Newport bus station is on the A303.

1854 Queen Victoria & Prince Albert

Queen Victoria visited the Isle of Wight for extended holidays before she became queen and from 1846 she visited with Prince Albert and their growing family regularly.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were among the first people to subscribe to the rebuilding of Newport Minster after the old church was declared unsafe. The Queen had heard the story of Princess Elizabeth and wanted her to have a place of rest suitable for a royal person.



On August 24th 1854 the streets were lined with bunting, there was a great parade to the site of the church and at 1.00 pm Prince Albert laid the foundation stone of the current church building over a time capsule of ancient coins.

The new church includes the life-sized memorial to Princess Elizabeth commissioned by Queen Victoria and two windows, also commissioned by the Queen, to shed a gentle light on the Princess.



After she died in 1841, Queen Victoria commissioned a marble portrait of her daughter. You can find this in the wall between the windows, also commissioned by the Queen. Queen Victoria's coat of arms was found in a place throughout the church including on the arch, the front of the organ and in one of the windows commissioned by the Queen.



Follow the Royal Heritage Trail to Osborne to find out more about Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.



St Mildred's Church
April to October 10.00 - 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday
November to March 10.00 - 4.00 pm Tuesday to Saturday
See www.isleofwight.gov.uk for more information

Carisbrooke Castle
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Opening times, prices and events

Osborne
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The Isle of Wight Royal Heritage Trail links Carisbrooke Castle, Osborne and St Mildred's Church, Whippingham, with the Minster and tells the story of their Royal Heritage.

A Trail map and leaflet featuring Newport Minster has been produced with walking, cycling, driving and bus routes between the sites. This will be distributed to tourist outlets during the 2018 season to encourage people to visit all four sites and explore the links between them.

Pick up a leaflet from the Minster to find out more and to follow the trail.

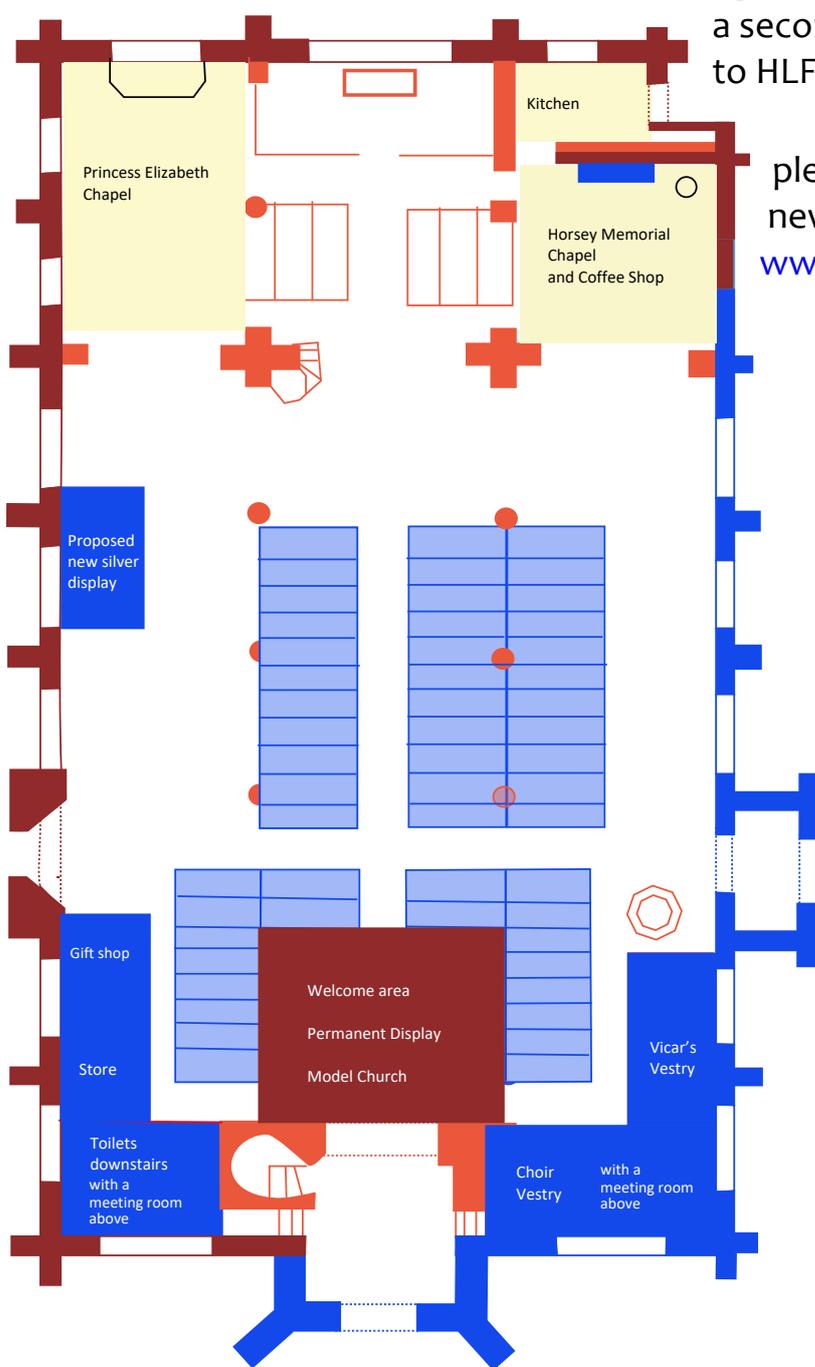
Future plans for the restoration and reordering of Newport Minster - HLF Heritage Grant

In the previous newsletter (2016) we shared plans for completing the appeal by applying for an Heritage Lottery Fund Heritage (HLF) Grant to cover all the remaining external restoration work and to reorder the inside the church. Further discussions have taken place with HLF and other parties this year and the work will now also include the restoration of the Horsey Memorial and the secure display for the Minster silver.

During 2018 a project team will investigate and decide what needs to be done in all areas in preparation for submitting a first round application to HLF. This could take some time but it is hoped that the application will be submitted during 2018.

If this application is successful a period of detailed development of the project will follow taking around two years. At the end of that time a second round application will be submitted to HLF for a grant to do the work.

To stay informed of the progress please sign up for the monthly email newsletters by visiting the website, www.newportminster.org.



Key

- Completed work.
- Phases 1-5 of the external restoration.
- Creation of new welcome area.

Heritage Grant

- All remaining work to finish the restoration and renewal of Newport Minster.
- South walls and roofs.
- West end of the church and completing work on the tower.
- Moving Vicar's vestry.
- Creating new Toilets including a disabled toilet.
- Creating two new meeting rooms over the Choir vestry and Toilets.
- Creating a new Shop and storage area by the north door.
- Removing the pews in the nave, reflooring it like the Welcome area and purchasing chairs to replace the pews.
- Restoring the Horsey Memorial.
- Creating a secure Silver display by the north wall.

Introducing James Bremridge, trustee

I have been a regular visitor to the Island since the 1980s but in 2014 work brought me to Cowes on a regular basis and in April 2015 this became a permanent move. In August 2016 I moved, with my wife Jayne, from our house in Devon to Newport and more recently to East Cowes.

In the past I have been a teacher, run my own business, a Deanery Secretary and part of the Exeter Diocesan Synod. I was one of the founding trustees of a housing charity in Devon that built affordable houses that were only available to rent to local people.

As well as having accepted the position as a Trustee of the Friends of Newport Minster, I am the ex officio Anglican Foundation Governor for Christ the King College.



Friends Membership

As a Friend you are part of the continuing development of the Minster and you will also be able to benefit from :

- 1. Two free outings** to places of interest each year e.g. Osborne House, Carisbrooke Castle, the Royal Yacht Squadron.
- 2. An annual Yuletide concert** in Newport Minster. Date for 2017 to be arranged.
- 3. This annual Newsletter** with updates on the work. You can also request a **monthly email** with details of services, events and updates about the Minster.
- 4. AGM.** Attend the AGM of the Friends of Newport Minister.



To join the Friends please fill in the form with this newsletter and return it to the Campaign Officer.

To find out more about the Friends please contact the Campaign Officer, email campaign@newportminster.org or ring 01983 559257.

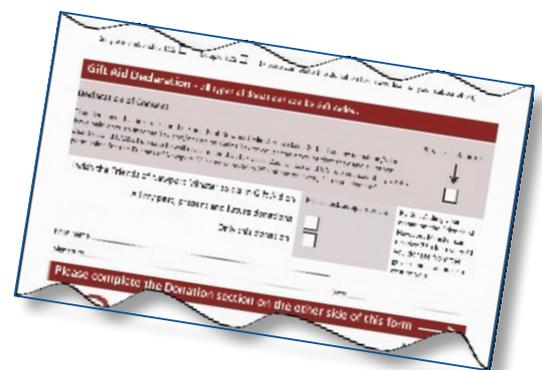
How you can help

Newport Minster and the Friends are very grateful for all the time and help many people give to keep the church running and to welcome the thousands of people who visit every year. If you would like to join us here are a few suggestions of what you could do:



- **Visit the Minster** for an event, service or to find out about its history and bring your family and friends too.
- **Have a coffee** in the Coffee Shop: why not bring a group?
- **Volunteer to help.** Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles. Please email volunteers@newportminster.org or contact the Parish office to find out more.
- **Offer your skills.** Are you good at running events, publicity, building maintenance? Please contact the Campaign office or the Parish office to offer your skills.
- **Join the Friends** of Newport Minster. Friends subscriptions help pay for the administration of the charity including grant applications. To become a Friend please return the form included with this newsletter, including your subscription.
- **Give a donation.** Individual donations, especially regular ones, help unlock money from Trusts and other organisations as well as pay for the ongoing costs of publicity and administration. Go to our website (www.newportminster.org) or use the form with this newsletter.
- **Gift aid** your donations. Gift Aid adds 25% to your donation at no extra cost to you. If you pay tax (enough to cover your gift and any other gifts you make) please fill in the Gift Aid form with this newsletter and return it to the Campaign Office.

Please help in any way you can.



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Services & Events in Newport Minster

2017

Dec	Sat	16 th	13.00	Carols in the square
	Sun	17 th	16.15	Christmas Carol service
	Tue	19 th	19.00	Turn up and sing 'Messiah'
	Sun	24 th	11.00	Minster Eucharist
			15.00	Christingle service for all the Family
			23.30	Midnight Mass
	Mon	25 th	11.00	Christmas Day Family Communion

2018

Jan	Sun	7 th	11.00	Epiphany service
Feb	Wed	14 th		Ash Wednesday
	Wed	21 st	19.00	Lent course led by Ruth Tuschling, Diocesan Spirituality Advisor. Further sessions on Feb 28 th , Mar 7 th , 14 th , 21 st .
Mar	Sun	11 th	11.00	Mothering Sunday service
	Sun	25 th	11.00	Palm Sunday service
	Fri	30 th		Good Friday services
Apr	Sun	1 st	11.00	Easter Day service
May	Mon	14 th	18.00	The Friends of Newport Minster AGM held in Newport Minster
Sep	Sun	30 th	11.00	Harvest service
Oct	Mon	15 th		Law Service
	Sun	28 th	15.00	Town Memorial service
Nov	Sun	11 th	10.45	Remembrance Sunday service starting at the War Memorial
Dec	Sun	2 nd	18.30	Advent Carol service
	Sun	16 th	16.15	Christmas Carol service
	Mon	24 th	15.00	Christingle service
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