



ST JAMES THE GREAT HAYDOCK



Current Status of Maintenance on Church Exterior

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The replacement of the existing gutters, downspouts and their fixtures and fittings on the exterior of the church buildings is to be carried out in September this year by Focus Building & Roofing Ltd. The decision to replace the gutters and downspouts was taken in 2012 following a review of the exterior of the church building back in 2011; it was clearly evident then that the exterior buildings were looking worse for wear, with significant amount of restoration work needing to be carried out (and a new lick of paint afterwards).

Following a rethink on the amount of work that would be required to remove the heavy corrosion on the existing gutters and downspouts, that was not considered to be a feasible or cost effective option. And so it was decided to replace the cast iron gutters and downspouts with ones made from powder coated aluminium. These will be supplied already painted and will offer a high resistance to corrosion.

During the course of this work I am expecting that some if not all of the timber sections which are used to anchor the current gutters and downspouts will probably require replacing due to age and a certain amount of deterioration. Hopefully this work will be completed in time to then continue onto the re-painting of the church buildings before winter sets in.

Next phase for thought

Ideally once the exterior of the building is protected then we need to turn our attention to the interior of the church which is also looking worse for wear and is in need of a fresh coat of paint and emulsion.