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Diocese	St Albans	Archdeaconry	Bedford
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Form No. 3A

Rule 5.3

**PETITION FOR FACULTY**

(proceedings started pursuant to resolution of parochial church council)

To the Consistory Court of the Diocese of St Albans

In the parish of **Bedford, St John and St Leonard**  
Church of **Bedford, St John the Baptist**

**Petitioners:**

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Please indicate here which of the above should be regarded as the contact address. A telephone number and email address should also be provided where possible.

Name: Mr David Lambert

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Interest: Chartered Engineer (CEng MICE), CMIOSH who provides professional advice on buildings and safety matters to the wardens and PCC

**We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following—**

**SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS**

Repair and maintenance works associated with the closed churchyard including churchyard walls, gates and vegetation/trees as identified in the Quinquennial Survey dated 2nd Nov 2022

## **(A) PROFESSIONAL ADVICE**

1. Has the architect or surveyor appointed under [section 45 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018] been—

(a) engaged in connection with the proposals?	<b>Yes</b>
(b) asked for general advice in relation to these proposals?	<b>Yes</b>

2. If another architect or surveyor is being engaged—

(a) what is his or her name and address?

(b) why is he or she being instructed in relation to the proposed works?

## **(B) CHANGES TO THE INTERIOR**

3. (a) If changes to the interior and/or exterior of the church are proposed, has the PCC prepared a statement of significance and a statement of needs?	<b>Yes</b>
(b) Statement of Needs available Statement of Significance available	
(c) If the answer to a. is no, what are the reasons for asking for permission for the proposals?	

## **(C) FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

4. (a) What is the estimated cost of the proposed works?	<b>To be advised (Closed Churchyard)</b>
(b) Who has estimated this cost?	<b>Bedford Borough Council</b>
(c) Are the proposals wholly to be paid for from a source other than the parochial church council or wholly from funds which have already been given to the PCC for the purpose of the proposals?	<b>Yes</b>
(d) If the answer to c. is no, how are the proposals to be paid for? From—	
(i) the PCC's current balance of funds that are available the purpose	

(ii) gifts/legacies	
(iii) grants or fund raising	
- already available	£
- being sought	£

#### **(D) PERMISSIONS FROM OTHER BODIES**

5. (a) Are any external works proposed?	<b>No</b>
(b) If yes, have you consulted the local planning authority as to whether planning permission or advertisement consent is required?	<b>No</b>
(c) Please include a copy of any reply from the local planning authority.	
6. (a) If required, has outline or full planning permission or advertisement consent been granted?	<b>No</b>
(b) Please include a copy of the planning permission or advertisement consent, if any, with this petition.	
7. (a) If any of the proposals affect a scheduled ancient monument, has scheduled monument consent been obtained?	<b>No</b>
(b) If yes, please include a copy of the consent with this petition.	

#### **(E) ARCHAEOLOGICAL MATTERS**

Please answer this section for any work to or in the church or churchyard. Otherwise proceed to section F.

8. (a) Have you been advised that the proposals may have archaeological significance?	<b>No</b>
(b) If yes, please include any advice received.	
(c) Is an archaeologist to be involved and to be given facilities for inspection and recording during the course of the works of excavation or works to the fabric?	<b>No</b>

#### **(F) CONSULTATION FOR WORKS OF DEMOLITION, ALTERATION OR EXTENSION OF A LISTED CHURCH**

9. Have any of the following bodies been consulted?

Ancient Monuments Society	<b>No</b>
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Bat Conservation Trust	<b>No</b>
Church Buildings Council	<b>No</b>
Council for British Archaeology	<b>No</b>
County Wildlife Trust	<b>No</b>
Historic England	<b>No</b>
Natural England	<b>No</b>
Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings	<b>No</b>
The 20th Century Society	<b>No</b>
The DAC's Archaeological Adviser	<b>No</b>
The Georgian Group	<b>No</b>
The Insurance Company (for advice on modifying existing cover)	<b>No</b>
The Local Conservation Officer	<b>No</b>
The Local Planning Authority	<b>No</b>
The Victorian Society	<b>No</b>
10. (a) Has the local planning authority been consulted?	<b>Yes</b>
(b) If yes, please include correspondence giving its views and your reply.	

### **(G) CHURCH INSURANCE**

Please answer this section for any work to or in the church or churchyard.

11. Do the proposals involve external scaffolding?	<b>No</b>
12. (a) Is the work or part of the work to be carried out by voluntary labour?	<b>No</b>
(b) If yes, has the PCC consulted its insurers about protecting voluntary labour against the risk of injury during the course of the work?	<b>No</b>
13. Have you informed the church's insurance company that work is to be carried out in the church or churchyard?	<b>No</b>
14. If the answer to question 12. b. or 13 is yes, please supply a copy of the insurer's approval or letter in reply.	

## **(H) DETAILS OF CONTRACTORS**

15. Please give the name and address of each contractor to be employed for the different aspects of the works (e.g. builder, electrician, stained glass artist, organ builder etc.) if known.

### Contractor's Details

- (Contact: Bedford Borough Council will appoint a contractor once permissions are in place., )

## **(I) TIME FOR WORK**

16. (a) How soon will the work start after the faculty is granted?	<b>As soon as Bedford Borough Council resources allow</b>
(b) How long is it expected that it will take for the work to be completed?	<b>Estimated six months</b>
17. (a) Will it be necessary to hold public worship in another building while the work is being carried out?	<b>No</b>
(b) If yes, has the Bishop consented to alternative arrangements for public worship?	<b>No</b>

## **(J) ARCHDEACON'S LICENCE**

18. (a) Has the archdeacon granted a licence authorising temporary minor re-ordering?	<b>No</b>
(b) If yes, please include a copy with this petition	

## **(K) PCC RESOLUTION**

19. The parochial church council at its meeting on 24/01/2024 passed Unanimously. There are 14 members of the Council.

## **(L) THE DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

20. (a) Is a notification of advice from the Diocesan Advisory Committee included with this petition?	<b>Yes</b>
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**(M) FURTHER INFORMATION**

21. (a) Could the work affect any human remains?	<b>No</b>
(b) Could the work affect any monuments?	<b>No</b>
22. Are any private rights (including rights in seats in church) affected by the works or proposals?	<b>No</b>
23. If the answer to question 21 or 22 is yes, please provide details in the schedule of works or proposals.	
24. Is the information about the church and churchyard included in the most recent quinquennial inspection report still accurate?	<b>Yes</b>

We believe that the facts stated in this petition are true.

Signed: Mr David Lambert

Date: 14/05/2024

I confirm that the person completing this application is one of the petitioners and is authorised by the other petitioners to sign and submit this form on their behalf.