

Henbury Church Faculties

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June 9 1876

Faculty to restore and re-seat Henbury Church

“... it is desired to restore and reseat the Parish Church of Henbury”

Agreed at a parish meeting on 4 March 1876. Alterations to be made according to Mr George Edmund Street's plans. His address was 14 Cavendish Place London W. There were to be seats for 587 adults and 73 children as listed on the plan ;

Adults:	13 chancel	Children:	20 chancel
	37 north aisle		40 nave and aisles
	73 south aisle		13 tower
	464 nave and aisles		

The seats were marked as “level with tiles” on the cross sections.

The plans below are to be found in the Consistory Court records (EP/J/6/2/138a)

Edward Sampson and Thomas Hignell Churchwardens

[NB. Photographs of plans and seat sections etc]

Seating plan 1876



Seat section 1876



1875-8: Refurbishment Faculties confirming details in newspaper article

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* Architect: **George Edmund Street** late of 51 Russell Square London. Then of 14, Cavendish Place Cavendish Square.

* Builders and contractors: **Wall and Hook**, Brinscombe, Stroud Gloucestershire. This section contains estimates, changes and final accounts for the extensive refurbishment carried out 1876-8.

- Estimates for work to the tower dated Feb 18th 1876
Take down west gallery opening out tower arch. Clean and restore same. New stone work to west window walling up present tower doorway and present south window. Clean and make good door to turret stairs, excavate ground lay concrete and tile with Godwin's tiles. New landing and step to font. Replaster, glaze west window with Cathedral glass. Case underside of belfry floor with pitch pine.
- Estimates for new western entrance July 1877 including steps and new oak doors.
- Position of prayer desk attached to an estimate noting the position of the prayer desk and choir seats looks 'very bad as the sills as been attended to keep them parallel from the screen. I think it will look very bad when finished.' He enclosed a sketch suggesting relocation before it cost extra!
- Estimate to G.E. Street esq. RA Works to Nave and North and South aisles.
 - ❖ Nave New oak seats
 - ❖ Aisles New oak sills
 - ❖ New flooring
 - ❖ Work to Nave roof
 - ❖ Restoration to arcade gallery caps, bares and foundation of pillars.
 - ❖ Heating flues
 - ❖ Godwin's floor tiles to be laid
 - ❖ Restore windows.
- Estimates for refurbishments and building work (unnamed but sum as above)
 - ❖ South chancel aisle
 - ❖ Chancel side arches
 - ❖ Chancel arch
 - ❖ North chancel aisle
 - ❖ New chancel roof
 - ❖ New chancel window
 - ❖ Tower works and organ removal
 - ❖ Chancel floor, stalls, screens and steps.
 - ❖ Nave and aisles
- Copy of contract for the chancel and tower between Wall and Hook 'as per designs of George Edmund Street RA. 14 Cavendish Place, Cavendish Square.'
- Cost cutting measures!
The church committee cancelled, ventilators in Nave roof, ridge cresting on chancel roof, Low wooden screens across chancel, sold on lead from south aisle roof.
- Extra works later added to initial contract:
 - ❖ Foundations for south chancel
 - ❖ Working and fixing mullions in East window of south chancel using Bath Stone
 - ❖ Pulling down and restoring (splays?) on side window of south chancel
 - ❖ Building a coal chute into south aisle wall into heating chamber.
 - ❖ Move monument from East end of Chancel to South side aisle in Chancel.
 - ❖ Rebuild splays of West doorway THE SECOND TIME in Bath stone.
 - ❖ Lower road at East side of church.

- ❖ Refurbish Nave arcade in Bath Stone
- ❖ Fix monuments
- ❖ Enlarge heating chamber for hot water pipes in external heating chamber.
- ❖ Flooring around pulpit
- ❖ Make and fix new iron casements for north and south clerestory wall . Put lead lights in window and glazed with rolled cathedral glass.
- ❖ Build a brick arch to door over inner south porch doorway
- ❖ New lead ridge for Chancel roof.
- ❖ New Bath stone parapet for the East end of the south aisle.
- ❖ Remove large monument from North chancel to the tower.
- ❖ Tile floor across the nave at west end
- ❖ Repair glazing west window in South aisle
- ❖ Alterations to prayer desk (See previous entry?)
- ❖ New seat by pulpit cutting away sill and floor.
- ❖ Fix oak seat number 4 in South chancel aisle.
- ❖ Tiles used in Chancel aisles ‘by order of Captain Cave’ –church committee
- ❖ Iron gutters and pipes ordered by ...Sampson.

- **January 30th 1878 Seating**

‘Extra cost in making the whole of the seats except those in the chancel in accordance with the patterned seat made by our new found instructions received from the committee instead of being made from the patterned seat made from Mr. Street’s drawing’

- **Oct 29th 1877**

Estimate for new north porch.

Estimate for refurbishing Vestry roof. (Wall and Hook wanted the scrapped lead this time!)

Estimates for refurbishing windows with plain cathedral glass – stained glass not mentioned.

- **Ref 5o.** Bank Book Restoration Fund.

- **Ref 5p.** Church accounts published two years later to have time to identify faults.

- **Ref 5q.** Receipts church accounts showing tradesmen including tradesmen mentioned in final accounts. Such as.

- ❖ **Thomas Earp** carving
- ❖ Henry Harvey painting and decorating
- ❖ Alfred York repairs to Tenor Bell.
- ❖ Thomas Gold Churchyard alterations
- ❖ Daniel bell stained glass
- ❖ W.G. Vowles repair to the organ.
- ❖ J weeks hot water apparatus.

- Receipts Sept-Dec 1878. From Cox and sons Southampton Street The Strand 4.1 and 3 brass candle standards plus cases pattern 110/340/27 (Outside of the bill is marked candelabra)

- August 3rd 1878 from 74a Margaret Street Cavendish square deposit on a stained glass window for the church requiring particular care with fixing the -----? Guard. Balance paid on Sept 10th 1878 signed by **Daniel? Bell** who sent a sketch for a further window. (No description unfortunately.)

- Illegible note on black rimmed paper to GE Street possibly paying balance of his fees.