

St Francis Special School

D of E group

Church Survey

St Francis Special School D of E students are doing a survey on three very different churches in Lincoln

As part of our D of E volunteering section we are working with the Lincolnshire Heritage at Risk Team

We are doing a study on three very different church buildings, looking at the layout of the inside and outside of the churches and looking at the risk factor for each church.

The three churches we studied

1. St John the Baptist Church
2. Mary Magdalene
3. All Saints Church Nettleham

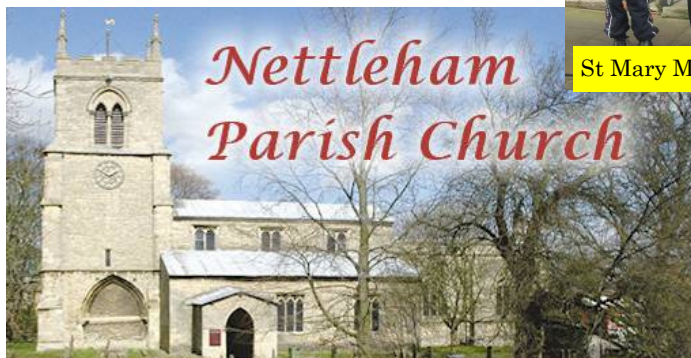


St John the Baptist Church Ermine Lincoln



Church Detectives (front row left to right) Shaun, Tom, Rhys, Leah and Dominic

St Mary Magdalen Church Bailgate Lincoln



*Nettleham
Parish Church*

Being Church Detectives

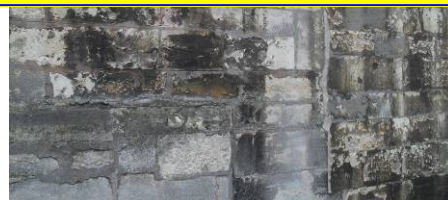
Things we looked for when we were church detectives

were

- How often the church was in use
- If there was any internal or external damage such as damage to the roof or walls inside and out and damage to any other aspect of the church
- We then scored the churches to see what risk level they had 1 being least risk and 20 being high risk

We also identified what period the churches were and took photographic evidence in all the churches we visited.

This is the outer wall of Mary Magdalene church



All Saints Church Nettleham



St John the Baptist Church



Why did we choose the following three churches

The reason we chose the three churches was because they were all from different periods in history.

Different styles showed how architecture had changed over the centuries, we could see this through the architectural differences in each of the churches. We also chose these churches to show the different levels of risk that Heritage at Risk is involved in dealing with, for example the church we visited at Nettleham had a hole in the roof due to lead thefts and to change the roof of a building will change the original building

It is important to keep our heritage for future generations to enjoy.

St John the Baptist church was in full time use the interior and exterior was in good condition as any previous problems that existed had been rectified and this was the most accessible for wheelchairs however this was because it was the most modern of the three churches.

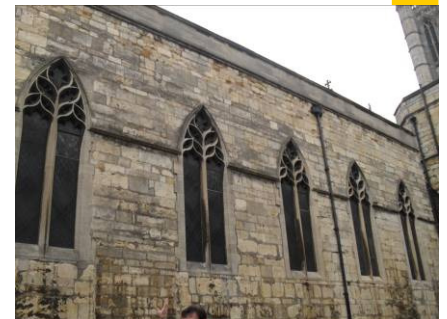


The Font in John the Baptist Church Ermine Lincoln

risk score of 1

Mary Magdalene Church Bailgate Lincoln

Mary Magdalene is in full time use and was in good condition inside and out the only problem was some erosion on the outer wall however the reason for this was because it has been re built several times and due to the fact that the wall is made of sand stone which erodes due to co2 emissions



This church had a risk score of 6

All Saints Church Nettleham Lincoln

Over all Nettleham church was in good condition inside and out apart from a hole in the roof, however this was caused by lead sheeting being stolen of the roof not by bad maintenance or lack of attention. Nettleham church is in full time use and was the oldest of the three churches we visited.

It had a risk score of 6



A brief Thank you to all the people who helped us with our survey.

We were made very welcome in all three churches and would like to say a big “Thank You “ to the following people

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Lincoln***

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