

## **St Andrew's Bedford**

### **Faculty application 2025: remedial window repairs**

### **What we need**

*Pointing and putty repairs plus releading Church windows as identified in the survey, completed by Mongoose Stained Glass (report attached)*

### **Proposals**

*Pointing and putty repairs are required to windows sVI, sVIII, sIX, nIX, & nV (see plan at foot of document)*

Remedial work is needed on the West Window (wl) namely *releading the lower two panels and other remedial repairs, and add additional perimeter lead and repair (requiring an internal scaffold to be erected).*



Relead the *upper panel of the centre light (depicting Christ holding the keys to heaven)* on window sX



## Why do we need this and why now?

During a church clean, gaps were noticed in the glazing of the west window and some missing pieces were additionally found in the stained glass windows, prompting allocation of funds for a full survey of all church windows.

The survey identified a number of windows in need of pointing and puttying (see plan at foot of document).

More significantly, a crack has opened up on the west wall that has pulled the centre light away from the stonework. With the lack of support from the mullion, the lower portion of the centre light has been subjected to regular flexing from atmospheric conditions, which in turn has resulted in the weakening of the lead matrix. The lower two panels of this light need re-leading and an additional perimeter lead added to make up for the widening of the light.

There is damage to the northernmost most light. The division lead at the lowest division has perished on the outside, leaving the lower row of quarries at that division unsupported and in danger of falling out. The lower two panels of this light require removing and the leadwork repaired.

In addition, a bowing to the upper panel of the centre light has been identified in window sX (depicting Christ holding the keys to heaven), requiring the panel to be removed and re-leading.

## Justification

In addition to the risk of falling glass, this work needs to be done to ensure the ongoing structural integrity and weatherproofing of the building and hence, its public benefit as a place of worship and mission.

## Window plan

