

Our Church Roof!

St. Catwg's Church was built and consecrated during the mid 1800s. In those times, the way in which buildings were put together was completely different to buildings today. Even so, it was surprising to see the same lathe and plaster techniques that were used in Welsh terraced houses, being employed in the building of St. Catwg's.

When our conservation builder Taliesin removed three courses of the slates on the south side of the church roof, it exposed the roof construction to be lathe and plaster where the roof abuts the wall.

Just wondering how many people who walk around the church look up and notice the lovely grey and purple slates on the south side of the roof? For some reason, the north side is ordinary slate....maybe this section was replaced years ago when conservation wasn't as important as it is today. The broken slates of which there were in excess of 110, had to be sourced from reclaimed slates.



A new Celtic Cross installed!

St Catwg's Church has been without a cross on the front apex of the Church, since the early 2000s, when a lightning strike destroyed the original.

It's been replaced at a cost of £1,250 thanks to a donation from a Pentyrch family. It perfectly matches the Bathstone surround of the stained glass window.

What we've achieved so far....

110+ slate roof tiles replaced

3 Bathstone coping stones replaced on east wall

uPVC guttering cleaned out and rid of plant debris

Repointing of large East and West windows and walls where mortar has eroded

Cills where cracks opened up, all re-pointed to preserve features e.g. large stained-glass window

So where are we getting our funding from? The upkeep of our churches takes a lot of time, effort and money. St. Catwg's QI Project is costing £33,000. We have already received grants of £3,000 from the Church in Wales, £2,000 from the Welsh Churches Act and we are awaiting news from other Grant Providers. Would you like to help? If so, please visit our Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stcatwgsqiwork>

