

Supporting Documentation

Bowdon St Mary – Altar frontal

Note to parish

This bundle includes all the supporting documentation to your faculty application as required under Rule 5.5 of the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019.

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Caroline Hilton, DAC Secretary



16 March 2022

We petition the Court for a faculty to authorise the following-

Please describe the works or other proposals for which a faculty is sought in the way recommended by the Diocesan Advisory Committee in its Notification of Advice.

SCHEDULE OF WORKS OR PROPOSALS

Statement of Needs

St Mary's Bowdon serves a parish of almost 7,000 and is situated in the market town of Altrincham in Greater Manchester.

Bowdon is predominantly an affluent area which attracts professional people. Our growing population is fairly evenly split between retirees, the middle-aged and those with young or teenage families and this is reflected in the church's membership.

The parish is served with three worship spaces - St Mary's church; St Luke's church and the Parish Centre.

St Mary's church, where the proposed change to the altar frontal/superfrontal is planned, is used for both traditional and contemporary worship. On Sunday's there are usually 3 services conducted and mid-week, a service following the BCP.

Weddings, funerals and baptisms are regularly held at St Mary's.

What is needed?

We use four different altar frontals and superfrontals, depending on the season.

The current red altar frontal, which is thought to be around 160 years old, has deteriorated to such an extent that it is very fragile

We need to replace this altar frontal along with the superfrontal.

The proposal

Our proposal is to purchase a new red altar frontal and super-frontal designed and made by Croft Designs of Much Wenlock, Shropshire.

A photograph of the proposed frontal is attached to this faculty application.

The new frontal will be attached to the altar using the current method, which is by way of hooks and eyes. We also attach photographs of the current frontal, which shows the fragile state of the material.

With regard to the current frontal and superfrontal, we plan to store this in the cupboard that is currently used for the rest of the frontals, which is in the choir vestry. We have considered hanging it in the nave of St Mary's but have concluded that there is no suitable space.

Why?

The current altar frontal has been repaired many times but has now reached such a state of fragility that it is likely to fall apart.

Justification

We do not consider that the new altar frontal and super-frontal will harm the significance outlined in the Statement of Significance.

Copies of the Standard Information Form and any drawings, plans, specifications, photographs or other documents showing the proposals must be provided with this petition.

3) Assessment of the impact of die proposals on the significance defined in Section 2

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Introduction of a new altar frontal will not impact on the significance of the church building.

Statement of Needs

General information

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Weddings, funerals and baptisms are regularly held at St Mary's.

What is needed?

We use four different altar frontals and super-frontals, depending on the season.

The current red altar frontal, which is thought to be around 160 years old, has deteriorated to such an extent that it is very fragile and beyond repair.

We need to replace this altar frontal along with the super-frontal.

The proposal

Our proposal is to purchase a new red altar frontal and super-frontal made to a design by Croft Designs of Much Wenlock, Shropshire.

A photograph of this frontal is attached to this faculty application.

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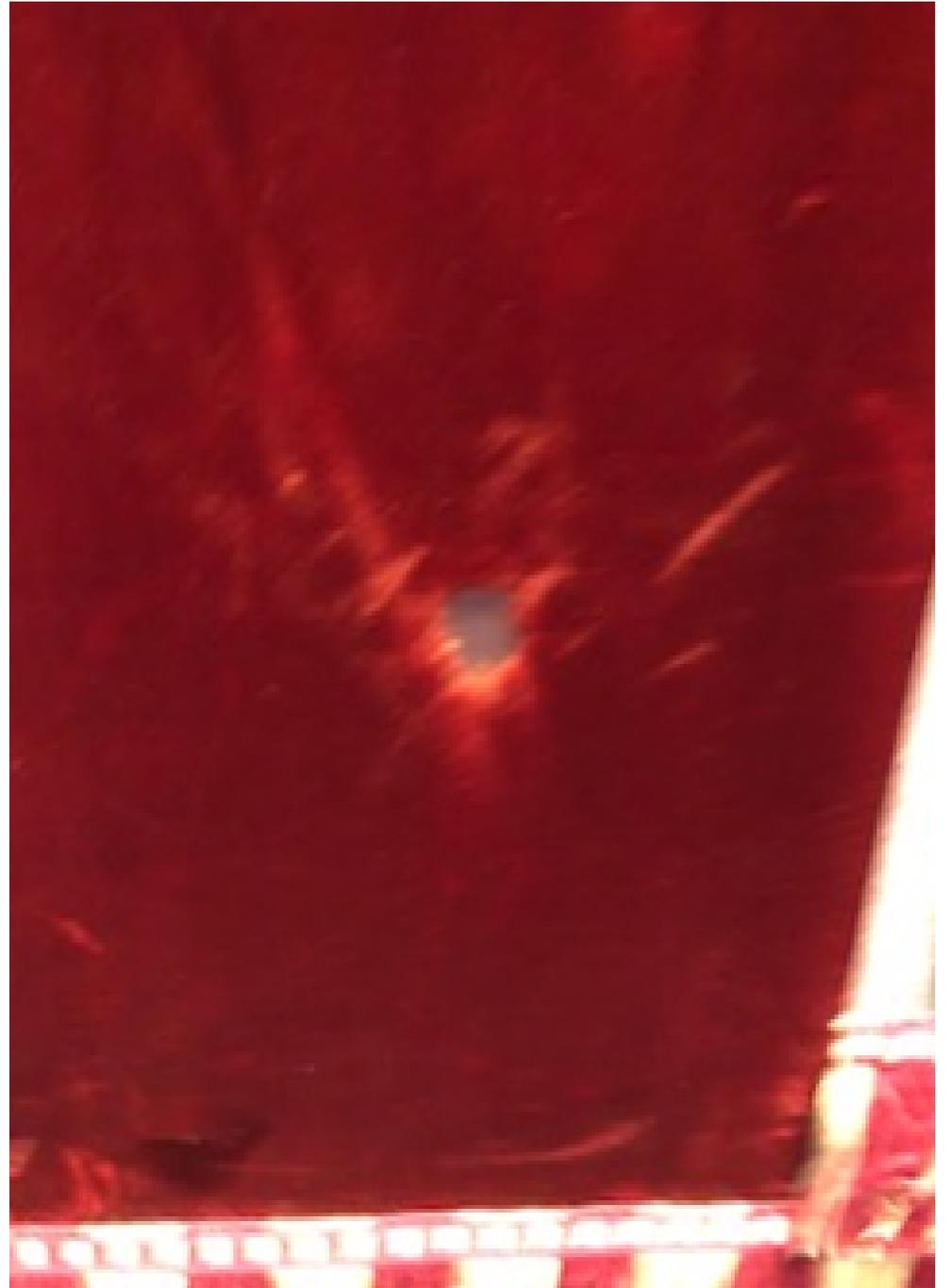
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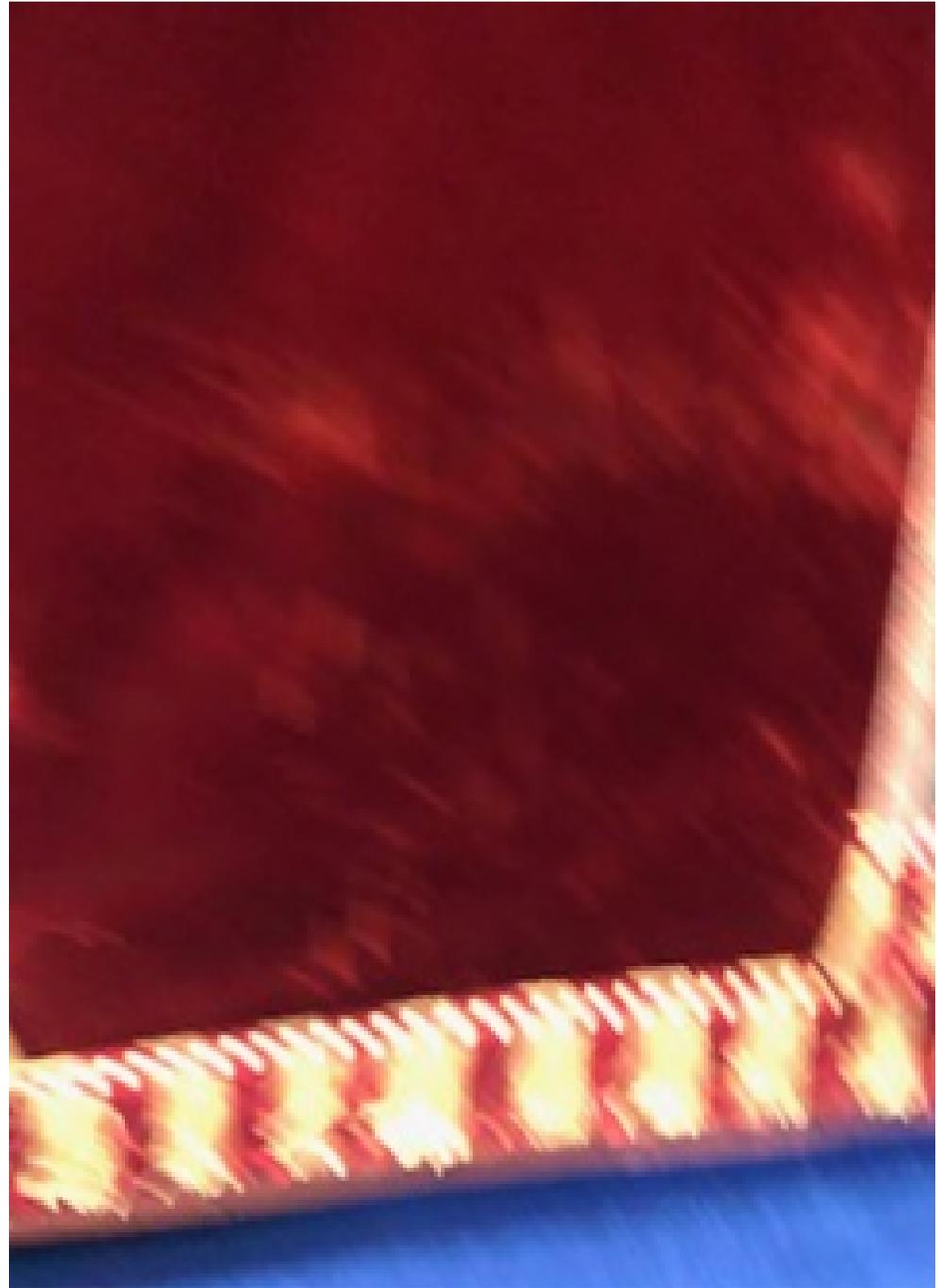
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Justification

We do not consider that the new altar frontal and super-frontal will harm the significance outline in the Statement of Significance.











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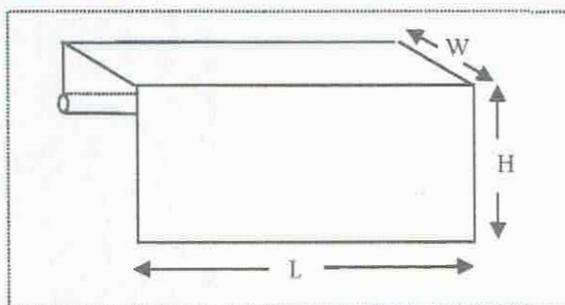
13th January 2022

Description

Red Florence Brocade Frontal and attached Superfrontal on frame.
Frontal with Dove and Flames Design
Superfrontal to have five embroidered trefoiled crosses

Dimensions

Length (L) 98 ½ "
Height (H) 37 ½ "
Width (W) 32"

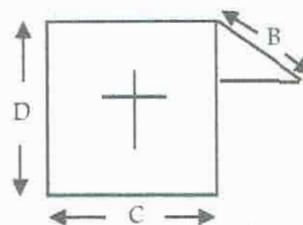


Associated items

Burse and Veil, Pulpit Falls etc

Falls not required

Matching burse and veil not required



Price

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| Frontal | £ 2350 |
| Associated items | £ N/A |
| Total Price | £ 2350 |
| Deposit Due | £ N/A |

Before we commence work, we require your written confirmation and the deposit.

The balance is due on completion.

Prices quoted include VAT.

Carriage if required is charged at cost

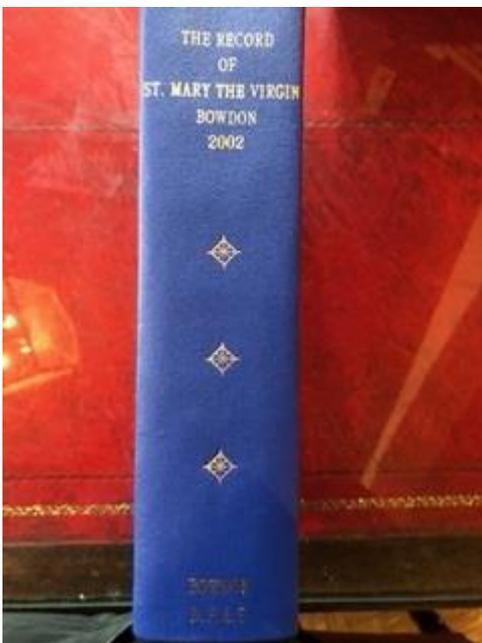
The price quoted is valid for 30 days from the above date.

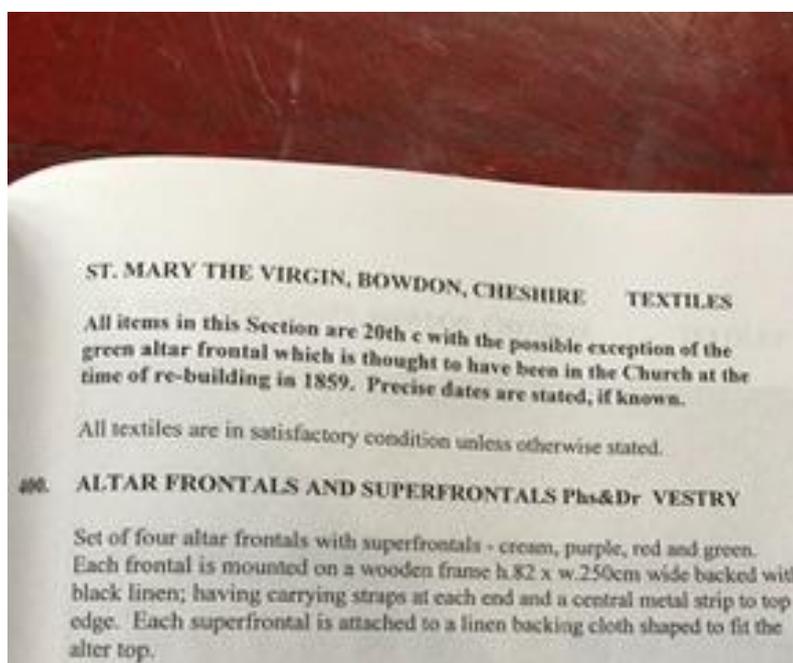
Artwork and samples remain the property of Croft Design and should be returned at your earliest convenience.

Directors - Brendon Quinn BA (Hons) ACertCM LGMS Artist Embroiderer - Julie Quinn BA (Hons)
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Bowdon St Mary – Altar frontal - Correspondence with parish

Attachments are listed according to the numbering on the supporting documents list

- [Attachments in blue are included within the proposals section](#)
- *Attachments in black italics are superseded and not included within the application*

| Date | Message |
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| <p>25/01/2022</p> <p>To: Ian Scott-Dunn From: Katy Purvis</p> <p>With attachment</p> | <p>Thanks for submitting your application for the new altar frontal. You've ticked the box to say that you've uploaded a statement of significance, but it doesn't seem to be there. I know it doesn't seem hugely relevant in this case, but you still need one, so I attach a word version of the one you submitted for the previous altar frontal, which would need very little work to be used here.</p> <p>If you don't mind, I will also upload a pdf of all the photos, as it is a bit easier for review purposes</p> <p><i>Statement of significance from 2018 altar frontal faculty</i></p> |
| <p>25/01/2022</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Ian Scott-Dunn</p> <p>With attachment</p> | <p>Thanks for coming back to me so quickly.</p> <p>I have amended that Statement of Significance that you sent me and attach it to this email.</p> <p>Would it be possible to give me an idea when the faculty may be approved, assuming it will be?</p> <p>3) Statement of Significance</p> |
| <p>25/01/2022</p> <p>To: Ian Scott-Dunn From: Katy Purvis</p> | <p>Thanks Ian, I will upload that to your application.</p> <p>I've put this on the agenda for the 18th Feb meeting, and I would expect the DAC to recommend it, although I can't promise they will. If they do, it will be prepped and then Caroline will raise the notification of advice (normally a couple of weeks depending on how many cases are currently at that stage, and then how many are recommended at the next meeting). Then you need to factor in the 30 day notice period, and the time for Jo, Lisa and the Chancellor to process their stages. These are sequential, so it's hard to put a time scale on it, as it depends on each of their workload. I would guess you could hope for faculty by end of April/early May, maybe earlier if everything lines up really well</p> |
| <p>25/01/2022</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis From: Ian Scott-Dunn</p> | <p>I should have mentioned perhaps that the PCC approved the new red altar frontal last week.</p> <p>Looking forward to hearing from you.</p> |
| <p>14/02/2022</p> <p>To: Katy Purvis</p> | <p>Thanks for your prompt response to our faculty application to replace our red altar frontal and super-frontal.</p> |

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| <p>From: Ian Scott-Dunn</p> | <p>I have now managed to get some photographs and do a bit more investigation as to the history of the current one.</p> <p>Attached are some photographs of the current frontal and super-frontal on the altar, the new one will be a straight replacement.</p> <p>We have established from the 2002 Bowdon NDFAS Record (copy of item attached) that the current frontal is 20th Century and not Victorian.</p> <p>The current frontal, we understand, has been repaired at various times over the years but as can be seen from the attached the damage is substantial even the velvet is coming off as can be seen on the white gloves that we use to move any of the altar frontals. The gloves in the photograph were white just before they were used to move the frontal to take the photographs above. The other photographs show the damage to the frontal.</p> <p>With regard to the current frontal, we shall be storing this with the rest of our frontals, as we did when we replaced the white frontal a few years ago. There is ample storage in a cupboard we have in the choir vestry.</p> <p>We trust the above information and photographs along with our faculty application will be sufficient for the DAC to approve the purchase of the new red frontal and super-frontal.</p> <p>7) Further photographs of current altar frontal and 2002 NADFAS Record excerpt</p> |
| <p>23/02/2022</p> <p>To: Ian Scott-Dunn From: Katy Purvis</p> | <p>I'm writing to let you know that at its meeting of 18 February 2022 the DAC considered the formal application to for the new altar frontal and resolved to recommend the scheme.</p> <p>The Committee also wished to offer the following informal advice</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Committee noted that the parish proposed to safely store the existing altar frontal. The parish could therefore as a separate matter have the existing altar frontal assessed for the extent of damage and whether it has any heritage value <p>We do not currently have a textiles advisor, but I believe you sought advice from Jackie Human on the previous altar frontal. Jackie was recommended by Graham Holland to advise you on this frontal.</p> <p>Caroline will now shortly be able to raise the notification of advice, which allows you to produce and post the public notice.</p> <p>If you have any queries please do let me know.</p> |
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