

EXTRACTS FROM ARCHITECT'S REPORT

- ❖ The existing lead roof was installed in the 1930s, and has been subject to many patch repairs over recent years, some taped and some soldered.
- ❖ A standard lead roof has a lifespan of 50 – 100 years, dependent on environment, installation and maintenance.
- ❖ The existing lead roof should be replaced, as it is at the end of its life. The patch repairs will become more frequent, and any water ingress could damage the Grade I listed church.
- ❖ The other roofs of the church have been replaced with stainless steel, other than the organ chamber roof which is covered with felt, and also in need of replacement.
- ❖ Replacing the lead with terne-coated stainless steel would give some consistency to the building, and would also be much lighter weight than the existing lead.

PROJECT TIMELINE

2025

Architect's report received
Initial quotations obtained (all six-figure sums)
PCC approval

June 2026

All required permissions to undertake the work
obtained

June to October 2026

Apply for grants and appeal for donations

November 2026

Invite tenders

Spring 2027

Undertake work

HOW TO DONATE ...

To donate by card
please scan the QR code
and select '**Roof Appeal**'.
Envelopes are available
for cash donations.



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Roof Project

*Replacing the nave and organ
chamber roofs*



**The nave roof is now nearly
100 years old and urgently
in need of replacement**

*This leaflet provides information about
the project to replace the roof,
including re-roofing the organ chamber
and introducing thermal insulation.*



MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR

When you feel called to be a priest, or to be fair any type of public ministry, there is an excitement about the possibilities that lie ahead as you, hopefully, change people's lives in encounter with the living God.

It's fair to say that excitement doesn't extend to the words '**roof campaign**', but in reality it should. Our buildings are living testaments to the faithfulness and generosity of God and the generations before us. They are spaces of encounter as well as a living heritage.

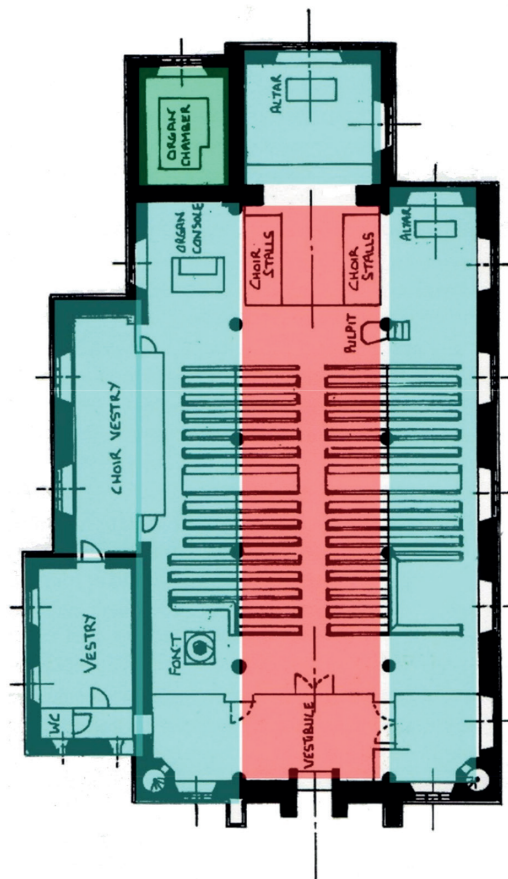
And as part of that, roofs are important! Not just because they keep us dry, but in caring for our buildings we demonstrate the care given to us to pass on a faith and a building.

And yes, we all have a part to play in that. What that is for each of us I invite you to prayerfully and carefully discern, as you consider this leaflet.

Father Lee
Vicar of Berwick

Berwick Parish Church was built in 1650-52, during the government of Oliver Cromwell. It is the only continuing Parish Church which retains significant features from that period and is widely recognised as being of quite exceptional architectural interest.

To preserve this heritage for the future, we need to maintain and protect it.



KEY

blue – Existing stainless steel roof areas
red – Nave roof, currently in lead
green – Organ chamber roof, bituminous felt



Nave roof



There are numerous patches



Left: Organ chamber roof
Right: Sanctuary roof