

## CATHOLIC APOSTOLIC CHURCH - Albury – Stone repairs to listed church.

Client – Trustees of Catholic Apostolic Church

The building is a Grade 2\* listed church in the Surrey Hills and was constructed in 1837 on behalf of Henry Drummond who together with eleven other apostles set up the Catholic Apostolic movement at that time. The church is constructed of local Hurtwood rubble sandstone with some ironstone and iron galletting. Stone dressings are in a sandstone ashlar but the church history suggests that the dressings were in some areas replaced soon after construction with a more resilient Bathstone. The main church windows are interestingly constructed of a cast iron surround with leaded light glazing. The roofs are slate covered and are of a larger size Cumbrian slate.

A quinquennial inspection was carried out in 2001 and as a result of that inspection the trustees have accepted our recommendation to instigate a programme of carrying out roof and stonework repairs and re-pointing.

The church stonework is mainly of local sandstone which does not have the best weather resistance and the faces of which readily spall away and which has been exacerbated by previous poor re-pointing work carried out in a cement mortar and also by poor previous plastic stone repairs. These plastic stone repairs were carried out in two phases, firstly during the 1960s and these repairs have been more effective than the later carried out in the 1980s. Our specification included for the cutting out of plastic stonework and removal of stones where significantly decayed, to be replaced with new stone, lime mortar bedded. We also included for widespread re-pointing work in a lime mortar and introduction of lead weathering courses over stone decorative string courses etc. It is intended that this will be a rolling programme working around the church and which will gradually bring the church up to a consistent maintenance standard and which can then be readily maintained in future years

