

STATUTORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
on closed and closing churches advising the Church Commissioners
and the Churches Conservation Trust on behalf of the
CHURCH BUILDINGS COUNCIL



CRITICAL INFORMATION SUMMARY




This Critical Information Summary has been issued by the Statutory Advisory Committee to provide a synopsis of heritage and planning information relating to the named church which is subject to procedures under the Pastoral Measure 1983 as amended. The document is intended to assist the Church Commissioners and other ecclesiastical and secular planning authorities in the management of casework, and is issued without prejudice to the process of the 1983 Measure and to the needs of a third party to comply with the requirements of ecclesiastical or secular planning procedures. The information, for which the Committee gives no warranty, was (to the Committee's knowledge and belief) correct as at the date given on the document and is based on secondary sources and personal observation only.

Parish	Staverton	Dedication	St. Paul
County	Wiltshire	Diocese	Salisbury

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Date of redundancy	
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Designations: LB, CA, SAM, SSSI, SINC, TPO etc.	Church: Grade II [LBS 314668] Church gates: Grade GV II
Outline history of site & building  View of NW elevation & W tower	Staverton was a chapelry of Trowbridge and it is generally assumed that the appointment of a perpetual curate to Staverton in 1535 implies some sort of chapel existed there. In 1826 the then existing chapel was taken down and replaced by the present structure built on the same site with a grant from the ICBS. The S porch and N vestry were added in the 1860's. In 1906 the churchyard was extended towards the NE. The earliest tombstone remaining is dated 1718, and a marble memorial tablet on the S wall of the nave recording burials of the Smith family from 1778-1856 might be taken to indicate that there were burials within the old chapel.
Location in townscape or landscape  Grade GV II listed gates	Situated to W of the main village street (Marsh Road) with access via the Grade II listed gates to the E of the church to a footpath that runs between Nos. 96 & 98 Marsh Rd to enter the churchyard at the SE corner. Although neither church nor gates have any real presence in the streetscape, the church and a large beech tree at the NW corner of the churchyard are both features of considerable value in the landscape viewed from the N (B3105 – New Terrace).

<p>Building: materials, plan form/constituent parts of building & site</p>  <p>Interior: view to E</p>	<p><u>Materials:</u> <i>Exterior:</i> limestone with limestone dressings; <i>Interior:</i> walls finished in plaster with architectural details (chancel arch, nave cornice) in limestone, coved lath & plaster ceiling to nave; <i>Roofs:</i> slate; <i>Floors:</i> softwood pew platforms & stone (carpeted) aisle; carpeted wooden platform forming a raised chancel, carpeted stone floor to sanctuary.</p> <p><u>Plan form/constituent parts:</u> Square W tower, nave without aisles, shallow sanctuary, S porch, N vestry (with ext door on W wall)</p>
<p>Notable features, fittings and characteristics of building (in chronological order)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Royal Arms (date uncertain)
<p>Stained Glass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E window, 3lts Ascension & Raising of Jairus daughter flanked by Evangelist symbols in roundels. Attributed to William Worral & Co. c.1887 All other windows retain original plain glazing with ruby coloured margin to each light. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">E window, c. 1887 Nave window, c. 1826</p>
<p>Organ</p>	<p>2 manual pipe organ by a Mr Gallaway installed 1966; electronic organ</p>
<p>War memorials</p>	<p>Lectern, WWI & WWII inscribed on globe & added brass plate</p>
<p>Bells</p>	<p>1 small bell c. 1826 [George Dawson, No. 1812]</p>
<p>Other buildings or pieces of land</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Historical associations: people & events</p>	<p>None</p>

Human remains

<p>Evidence of burials within church</p>	<p>Wall tablet to Jane Smith and family 1778-1856 buried 'in the same vault' – possible reference to burial within old chapel on same site.</p>
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Condition

<p>State of repair QIR, Structural Engr Rpt.</p>	<p>QIR: July 2006 by Raymond Winrow RIBA [Architect of Slade, Smith & Winrow of Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. At the time of the report the church was in generally fair condition with recommendations for priority work to ferrumenta, & the treatment of</p>
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	damp-decayed plaster and pew platforms. A sag in the S roof slope was noted and recommended for monitoring. It is understood that repairs have been recommended i.r.o. £100,000
Building at Risk Register: Local, national	Not on national Heritage at Risk Register.

Planning and amenity issues

Local social & amenity profile	This is a small rural community which has been greatly expanded in recent years to accommodate a commuting workforce
Local plan	Wiltshire County Council adopted its West Wiltshire District Plan (1 st Alteration) in June 2004. In September 2007 a list of saved policies was published of which further detail is available through the links from the following web page: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/localplans/westwiltshirelocalplan.htm.. After the formation of a new unitary authority on 1 April 2009 to replace Wiltshire County Council and the District Councils of Kennet, North Wiltshire, Salisbury, & West Wiltshire, the new authority began a three-year programme towards the adoption of a new Local Development Framework. Further information about the LDF can be found at: http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltshire_council_local_development_scheme_2009-2012.pdf.. (this information was valid as at 15-Oct-10)
Identified risk of flooding	Not located in area identified as being at risk (Environment Agency)
Availability & provision of mains/services/WCs	Electricity, Gas
Archaeological implications of alternative use (church/churchyard/site)	No archaeological events and observations have been recorded within immediate vicinity of the church and within a radius of 3kms that pre-date the C19 (Staverton Mill, and Wilts. Soms. & Weymouth railway) and extend to WWII pillbox installations. When extended to 5 kms, other than churches, the archaeological horizons include evidence of prehistoric activity and early modern domestic buildings.
Human remains considerations	The churchyard is said to have 2 spaces remaining. An area for cremated remains has been established on the N side of the path leading to the church from the SE corner of the churchyard.

Churchyard, Curtilage and planning

Status of churchyard	Open
General character and setting of churchyard and curtilage	The churchyard covers an area of sloping ground that falls from the SE corner towards the NW corner of the churchyard. Two large yew trees block sight-lines across the churchyard on entry and, in combination with the tall hedge on the S border, frame the first view of the church from the path. The headstones and other memorials are varied in type and detail and date from the C18
Churchyard monuments, memorials & chapels	None listed
Commonwealth war-graves	Pte. F.R. Holloway, 18923, Wilts Regt., d. 21 June 1916
Boundary walls & lychgate (N.B. war memorial gates)	S: post & wire with fir & cherry overgrowth; W & N iron paling fence; E larch-lap panels (garden fencing)

Churchyard or adjacent burial ground subject to Open Spaces Act	***
Use dependent on availability of amenity land (not within churchyard or curtilage)	***
Enabling development required/in place	***
Relevant S.106 Agreement	***
Access/egress to site (highways issues)	Pedestrian only
Parking on/off site, street	To be ascertained

Biodiversity

Churchyard designations, e.g. Local Nature Reserve	
Protected species as listed by Countryside Officer	
Trees & Tree Preservation Orders	Tbc

Records and references

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Measure Report: 10-May-10, PM 2225 • P10 form: 14-Jul-10 • Church Inventory: 1931- up-dated 10-Apr-78 • QIR: 26-Jul-06 by Raymond Winrow [Architect, of Slade, Smith & Winrow] • DRO: • Wiltshire County Council • Church Plans Online (http://www.churchplansonline.org/) ICBS file no. 00537 • Commonwealth War Graves Commission (http://www.cwgc.org) • George Dawson's National Bell Register (http://georgedawson.homestead.com/) • Environment Agency flood maps (http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/flood/) • Listed Buildings Online (http://lbonline.english-heritage.org.uk/Login.aspx) • National Monuments Record of England (NMR), accessed via the Archaeology Data Service website (http://ads.ahds.ac.uk)
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