



The SPAB JOHN BETJEMAN AWARD

This award celebrates excellence in the repair of places of worship of all faiths and denominations in England and Wales. It is given for repairs to a specific element of a building that have been completed within the previous 18 months. Work of any scale is eligible, but must be to the fabric of the building or to a significant element of its furnishing or fittings.

PAST WINNERS (1990 – present)

2018

Winner

The Guild Chapel of the Holy Cross, Stratford upon Avon

The Death Reawakened Project: wall painting conservation

Commended

Leigh Old Chancel, Cricklade, Wiltshire

Repair of a timber communion rail damaged by vandals

2017

Winner

St Pancras ‘new’ Church, Euston Road, London

The Portico Project: roof, stone and terracotta repairs

2016

Winner

St Michael & All Angels, Bishop’s Cleeve, Gloucestershire

Repair of medieval oak staircase

Commended

All Saints, Wigan, Greater Manchester

Conservation and redisplay of C15 Lubeck altar piece

2015

Winner

St Martin of Tours, Bilborough, Nottingham

Conservation and recovery of wall paintings

Commended

St Mary, Nantwich, Cheshire

Repair and conservation of choir stalls

2014

Winner

St George, Hinton St George, Somerset

Conservation of monument to John 1st Baron Poulet in the Poulett Memorial Chapel.

Commended

Lanercost Priory, Cumbria

Conservation of William Morris dossal

Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire

Conservation of south side stonework

2013

No Award made.

2012

Winner

All Saints, Necton, Norfolk

Repair of cupola

2011

No Award made.

2010

Winner

St Mary the Virgin, Beeston-next-Mileham, Norfolk

Repairs to nave roof

2009

Winner

Jordans Meeting House, Beconsfield, Hampshire

Repair of fire damaged roof and plaster ceiling

Runner up

St Andrew, Hatfield Peverel, Essex

Repair of Norman door

2008

No Award made.

2007

Winner

St James, Dauntsey, Wiltshire

Repair of Doom board

2006

Winner

St Mary and St Peter, Barham, Suffolk

Repair to church tower

- 2005**
Winner **St Alkmund, Shrewsbury, Shropshire**
Repairs to the cast iron north west window
- 2004**
No award made.
- 2003**
Winner **St Mary, Beaminster, Dorset**
Repair of the tower stonework
- 2002**
Winner **St Editha, Polesworth, Warwickshire**
Work to north cloister wall
- 2001**
No Award made.
- 2000**
No information.
- 1999**
Winner **St Lawrence, Radstone, Northamptonshire**
Repairs to nave and south aisle roofs
- 1998**
Winner **St Mary, Bloxham, Oxfordshire**
Repair and conservation of 15th century carved stonework
(bellcote and chapel pinnacles)
- 1997**
Winner **St Peter, Hanwell, Oxfordshire**
Conservation of decorative limestone frieze under the eaves
of the south side of the chancel
- 1996**
Winner **St John the Baptist, Hannington, Wiltshire**
Repairs to masonry, glazing, rainwater goods and roofs.
- 1995**
Winner **Mortimer West End Chapel, Padworth Common, Hampshire**
Substantial repair and conservation of a very dilapidated
structure abandoned in 1960s

- 1994**
Winner **St Mary the Virgin, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire**
Stabilisation and repair of tower and spire
- 1993**
Winner **St John the Baptist, Plymtree, Cullompton, Devon**
Conservation of statue of Madonna & child on west face of tower
- 1992**
Winner **St Mary the Virgin, Whinburgh, Norfolk**
Roof repairs to mediaeval church
- 1991**
Winner **St Swithin, Quenington, Gloucestershire**
Repair and conservation of 12th century north and south doorways.
- 1990**
Winner **St Anne, Limehouse, London**
Work on west tower of the church

Header image (L to R): All Saints, Wigan (commended 2016); Tewkesbury Abbey (commended 2014); St Martin of Tours, Bilborough (winner 2015)