

## Programme



## Faith in Maintenance

*The routine care of places of worship: a guide for volunteers*

**Date:**

**Time:** 9.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

**Venue:**

**Course Trainer:**

**Course Assistant:**

9.30	Registration and welcome
10.00	Welcome and introduction
10.15	Places of worship in context (local speaker) <i>An overview of historic faith buildings in the local area</i> <i>Traditional materials and building construction techniques</i>
10.45	Coffee Break
11.15	Maintenance <i>What is maintenance? Why do buildings decay?</i> <i>Why is maintenance important? What should we look for?</i>
12.30	Lunch Break
1.15	Managing maintenance <i>Planning for the routine care of historic places of worship</i> <i>Understanding the role of professional inspections and reports</i> <i>Managing relationships with professionals, contractors and specialists</i>
1.40	Staying safe <i>Risk assessment, working at height, fire safety</i>
2.00	Observation exercise <i>Looking at the host building element by element, inside and outside, to identify vulnerable areas of the fabric of the building and maintenance issues.</i>
3.00	Tea
3.15	Questions and discussion <i>An opportunity to review the day and ask any further questions</i>
4.00	Finish

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### Course description

This one-day beginner / intermediate level course is designed to help those who care for places of worship (very often as volunteers) to understand their faith building, and take practical action to look after it. This enduringly popular course was originally designed for the SPAB's award-winning Faith in Maintenance project to support and advise volunteers caring for faith buildings of all types.

It explains how traditional buildings were constructed, how they work and how they can decay, and how to spot and tackle common problems.

The course explains how maintenance differs from repair and emphasises the value of carrying out regular checks and simple steps to keep buildings in good condition. It places the host building and maintenance issues into context by looking at faith buildings in the area – architectural types, construction methods and commonly-seen materials.

The day includes a practical exercise looking at the host building inside and out to identify maintenance issues and areas of vulnerability. Participants have an opportunity to discuss their own building with the tutors and with others attending.

### About the SPAB

**This course is provided by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).**

Founded in 1877 by the designer, writer and campaigner William Morris and the architect Philip Webb to oppose the needless destruction or damaging alteration of old buildings, the SPAB is the country's longest-established buildings conservation organisation. A registered charity, it has around 6,500 members who enjoy a lively programme of events, access to a network of regional groups, and a full-colour quarterly magazine. The Society has a branch in Scotland and a section devoted to the repair and protection of historic water- and wind-mills.

Education, skills-sharing and enjoyment of historic buildings has always been at the heart of the SPAB and today it continues to offer training and technical expertise to building owners, users and professionals. It offers a varied annual programme of courses, seminars and hands-on masterclasses in traditional building crafts, and its annual working party is an unrivalled opportunity to learn and develop skills on-site under expert guidance. The SPAB's free technical helpline (weekday mornings on 020 7456 0916) answers thousands of queries every year on all aspects of repairing and caring for old buildings.

The SPAB continues to champion old buildings, campaigning on heritage issues and buildings at risk. It also plays a formal role in the planning system and must be notified of all applications to demolish listed buildings in England and Wales.

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