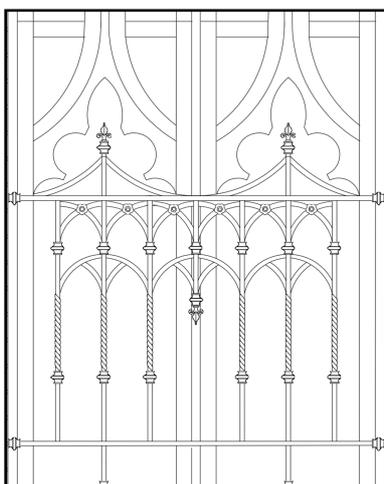


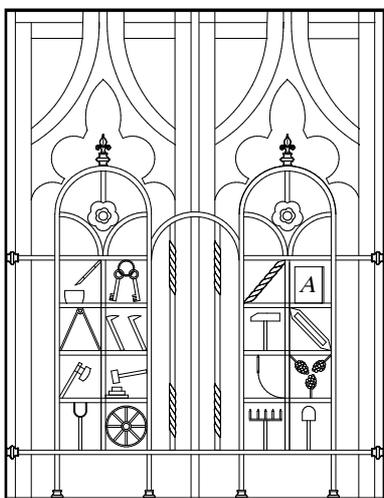
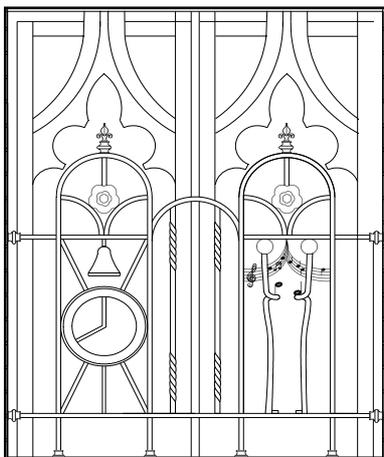
# RENEWAL NEWS

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**LOWER CHAMBER** (single design, both windows)



**UPPER CHAMBER** (two different designs)



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## NEW DOCUMENTS & MAINTENANCE

Updated versions of our Statement of Need and Statement of Significance ([available on our website](#)) have been approved by the PCC along with a comprehensive Maintenance Plan drawn up to make sure that regular checks are made to the building fabric and work is carried out as required. The plan also includes defects noted by the Architects in the quinquennial inspection report received in April.

We are engaged with Freeland Rees Roberts to obtain firm tenders for the first tranche of work recommended in the report.

## SECURITY

The lockdown has brought to the fore a number of issues regarding security and insurance so we have been addressing them with the guidance of the Diocesan secretary, and using Suffolk Police recommendations. Over the past weeks the security to the roofs has been brought up to the insurance standard, a new lock will be fitted to the upper sacristy door. Security bars to the sacristy windows are another requirement that we needed to address, and this has now been further investigated and approved by the PCC.

With the security of the sacristy rooms in mind our friends at Felbrigg forge were asked to submit ideas and they have come up with some great designs that reflect the history of the sacristy that was built in the early 1490's when William Pykenham was rector. The lower chamber is shortly to return to being the priests vestry when the office is moved to the Deanery tower. Preparation work there though slightly delayed due to the pandemic, is now proceeding.

The window bars are illustrated here and larger copies are available through the office. The cost of each including fitting is £730 downstairs and £875 & £950 upstairs. If anyone wishes to sponsor a window, churchwarden James Wilding is happy to discuss details and register your interest.

The sacristy was built at the start of the Tudor period when Henry VII seized the throne after his forces defeated Richard III in 1485 at the Battle of Bosworth Field in the Wars of the Roses. Henry VII is also credited with his supportive policy toward England's wool industry which facilitated Hadleigh to build such a magnificent church. To celebrate its origins, Tudor roses which can be seen on many buildings in the town, have been incorporated into the design which also reflects the parclose screens in the aisles and adding to the beauty of this room with its stone vaulted ceiling and carved stone bosses. In the upper chamber, elements portraying the history and industry of the people of Hadleigh, and a reflection of church life, have been incorporated in the two different designs.

