

**Ref:** 2023-092760 **Church:** Blanchland: St Mary's Abbey  
**Diocese:** Newcastle **Archdeaconry:** Lindisfarne  
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(01/12/2023)  
**Status:** Faculty granted, awaiting Practical Completion

Form 7

(Rule 7.4)

Faculty

**In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Newcastle**

**Parish of Blanchland with Hunstanworth**

**Church of Blanchland: St Mary's Abbey**

**The Worshipful Simon Wood, Chancellor of the Diocese and Official Principal of the Right Reverend Helen Ann, Lord Bishop of Newcastle**

**To Philippa Buswell (Acting Churchwarden), Mark Wheatley (Acting Churchwarden), David Kennedy (Area Dean)**

A petition presented by you has been submitted to the Registry of this Court together with designs, plans, photographs or other documents, requesting a faculty authorising the works or other proposals specified in the petition.

A public notice was duly displayed giving an opportunity to all persons interested to object and give reasons why a confirmatory faculty and a faculty should not be granted and there are no objections under the Rules to the granting of a faculty.

The proceedings were unopposed and did not give rise to a question of law or of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial or relate to proposals that affect the legal rights of any person or body.

This Court now grants a confirmatory faculty and faculty authorising you to carry out the works or other proposals described in the Schedule in accordance with the designs, plans or other documents accompanying the petition and subject to any conditions set out in the Schedule.

The works must be completed within **12 months** from the date below or such further period as this Court may allow and the certificate of practical completion is to be sent to the Registry within the period allowed.

A copy of this confirmatory faculty and faculty is to be supplied by you to the architect or surveyor and contractors to be employed in respect of the authorised work before any work is commenced.

This faculty is duly authenticated by the seal of this Court.

Dated 17/05/2024

Laura Peace

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Signature of Registrar

## SCHEDULE

### *(Description of Works or Proposals)*

- 1 - retrospective permission for archaeological excavations in January and February 2023: three interior trenches in the N transept and nave and one exterior trench to the NE of the tower;
- 2 - planned investigations and repair to drain along the outside of the west wall, in the scheduled area, which is discharging water beneath the abbey;
- 3 - planned removal of the two medieval stained glass panels in the E window, repair of the window glazing, and relocation of the two panels to York glaziers for restoration and storage;
- 4 - planned archaeological excavation (May 2024) to the outside of the W tower door along the path towards the road.

### Conditions

1. All necessary liaison with Northumberland CC archeological service.
2. Notice to insurers.