

## Christchurch Priory Church, Dorset Phase I, II and III

Christchurch Priory Church dominates the historic town of Christchurch and the present building was begun in 1094 and has since been in continuous use as a place of worship, pilgrimage and prayer.

The church contains many styles of architecture from the great Norman arches of the nave to the beautiful style of the Great Quire where the monks conducted their daily Worship.

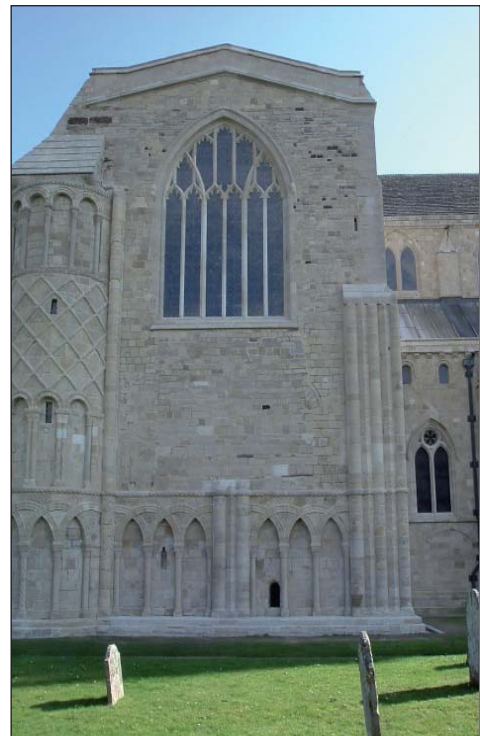
CWO carried out the contract for the external stone cleaning to localised areas, stone repairs and stone replacement with two types of matching stone materials (Purbeck and Chilmark) to the Bell Tower, as well as re-pointing where necessary. The Tower is accessed by a spiral staircase of 156 steps and from the top there are extensive views of the town and surrounding countryside.

Phase I was completed in the year 2000. Phase II started May 2002 consisting of stone repairs to the north elevation, tower and porch as well as cleaning currently underway.

CWO also fixed six carved limestone gargoyles to the corners and face of the tower as well as re-gilding the salmon weathervane.

Phase III consisted of cleaning, stone and mortar repairs to the East, West and North faces of the North Transept.

Also included was the rebuilding of the top section of the west wall.



**Client:** The Christchurch Priory  
**Architect:** Columba Cook Architects  
**Phase I Value:** £155,000  
**Phase II Value:** £388,000  
**Phase III Value:** £280,000

**RESTORATION / CLEANING**