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Westminster Abbey

Client

Chapter and Dean of Westminster Abbey

Location

Westminster Abbey, London

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

Ongoing

Key Issues

Listed Building

Crown Property

Photographic and Drawn Record

Dendrochronology and Photogrammetry

CgMs have been retained to provide historic building recording services at this significant site. Our work has included the recording of the South Aisle Roof structure and elements of the Jerusalem Chamber.

Following structural investigations, CgMs Limited undertook emergency recording of the ground floor structure of the Jerusalem Chamber, in September 2004. The discovery and removal of asbestos within this part of the Grade I listed Abbey resulted in an opportunity to carry out detailed plans, sections and a photographic record of the historic fabric prior to its concealment. The timbers, including a spine beam, joists and floorboards, are believed to date from the second half of the 14th century, and are currently being analysed by the Oxford Dendrochronology Laboratory. The floor had undergone several periods of alteration, including 17th century truncation in the north-east corner and heightening in the 19th century.

CgMs Limited completed the Phase I & II recording works during the repair of the South Aisle roof at Westminster Abbey. The record was undertaken in stages and included photographic and drawn records of the lead, roof boards and structure. The principal beams and ceiling joists were attributable to the early 18th century however reused medieval timbers had been incorporated. A paper note dating from 1875 detailing the workmen, the date of repairs and location of the reused timbers (Little Cloister under the Littlington Tower) was discovered in a reused timbers during the record.

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