

St James the Great Church, Norton

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To whom it may concern

S&L Electrical Ltd has undertaken a number of pieces of work on our Grade II* listed building. The most significant of these was a recent complete upgrade of our internal lighting system.

After discussing our needs with the church Fabric & Works Committee and our Inspecting Architect, S&L provided us with a well designed scheme, supported by all the technical information we needed in order to apply for the various required permissions. It was necessary for us to satisfy the church authorities in the form of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, the Diocesan Lighting Adviser and the Consistory Court, from whom we needed a Faculty for the upgrade. All had to be satisfied that the end result would be fully in keeping with a building that has a history stretching back to 1170. We also had to seek comments and possible objections from English Heritage and a range of 'amenity societies'. Finally, we had to publish the proposals and invite possible objections from the public. S&L's proposals came through all these tests with flying colours.

Equally impressive was the way that S&L executed the work. Their tradesmen were efficient, courteous and respectful of the sacred space in which they were working. The quality of S&L's project management was second to none. The project manager met with us regularly to ensure we were happy with the way the work was proceeding and to discuss any forthcoming events, such as funerals or special services, around which we required them to work. S&L staff were flexible and fully co-operative in this respect.

All the work undertaken had to be done to the highest standards, with every care being taken not to damage any ancient fabric and to ensure that cable runs were either completely out of sight or as unobtrusive as possible.

The end result is a lighting installation that many have described as 'stunning'. The new lighting system has undoubtedly enhanced the beauty of the building, with a number of historical features, which previously merged into

the background, now being tastefully picked out. The inclusion of a programmable dimmer unit, connected to various independent circuits, enables us to achieve a variety of different lighting effects or 'moods', depending on the occasion.

Everyone at St James' is delighted both with the end result and the way in which the work was carried out. I have no hesitation in recommending S&L Electrical to anyone. The company is especially suited to work which requires an empathy with historical or architecturally sensitive buildings.

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