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The Revd N. Webb  
The Rectory  
51 Frank Lane  
Thornhill  
Nr. Dewsbury

Dear Mr Webb,

CHURCH OF ST MICHAEL - THORNHILL  
STAINED GLASS  
DAMAGE DUE TO VANDALISM

Following your request I detail below the recent extensive damage caused by vandals to the stained glass windows of Thornhill Church. I also include the estimated costs of the necessary repair work which are valid until 31st March 1981.

LABOUR  
COSTS OF  
WORK CARRIED  
OUT

Vestry Windows

South Wall

1st window from East

(Plain Glazing in white 'Cathedral' glass)

Ventilator panel is badly broken and will have to be replaced.

Approx. size 15" x 9"

1 Quarry broken

2nd window from East

Sound

£8.00

3rd window from East

2 Quarries broken

£9.00

Corridor window  
(adjacent to Vestibule)

2 Quarries broken and 1 Border Piece

£4.00

Corridor window  
(leading to church)

1 Quarry broken

£18.00

Window westwards of organ

2 Light window containing fine medieval  
Badly cracked piece (8" x 5") glass  
Requiring repair 'in situ'

Nave - South Wall  
(4 windows containing  
19th Century stained glass)

£47.00

Westernmost window

2 Light window - Bottom right-hand panel  
Canopy and border piece shattered  
To be repaired using toned c19th glass

£66.00

West Wall

1st window on left on  
entering church

Left

St John the Baptist

Foot and hand of figure broken

Left Border piece (6" x 2")

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Right  
St Philip  
Bottom inscription badly broken  
(Left corner to be repaired using original glass  
Right corner insert matching toned glass  
2 Quarries broken  
Left Border piece broken  
2 Quarries broken in top panel

£32.00 Adjacent Window

2 Lights  
Left  
Noah Border piece broken  
2 Canopy pieces broken (1 white and stain  
(2 bronze)

Moses Badly broken Quarry in lower panel

£168.00 West Window

(Left Light 5 Quarries broken  
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'in situ' (Central Light 5 Quarries broken  
repairs ( (Right Hand Light 18 Quarries broken and  
(6 pieces of medieval glass

North Wall

West window and  
4 westernmost windows

These windows contain c19th stained glass which has in places become very discoloured externally owing to rusting of external ferromanganese. The glass will respond to cleaning - but extreme care must be taken because the leading in the two westernmost windows is very weak. Soft cloths - warm water and careful manual cleaning

£12.00 West window

Cracked piece in Tracery Panel

Savile Chapel

£34.00 2nd window from East  
(c.10th glass)

Left Hand Light Head and garment of figure of child is badly broken but can be repaired 'in situ'

The remaining windows in chapel are in sound condition

£58.00 South Porch

West wall

£ 456.00 as per report and invoice

Medallion window - white 'cathedral' glass which is badly broken in many places

Summary It is very sad indeed to see such wilful damage caused to the stained glass of Thornhill Church especially when so much attention has been devoted to the glass in recent years. All the repair work can be carried out 'in situ' - although an additional visit will have to be made for the installation of the newly glazed ventilator panel in the vestry.

The repairs to the stained and painted windows will involve the insertion of toned c.19th glass matching the existing glass in the panels. If so desired newly painted replacement pieces could be made but this would add considerably to the quotation.

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This report has been prepared following my recent visit to the Church on Sunday 3rd August, 1980.

Estimated cost of the repairs detailed in the report:

Labour charges	£456.00
Releading Ventilator panel	£ 36.00
Supply and preparation of c.19th glass	£ 65.00
Hire of transport	£ 65.00
Travel expenses for glaziers	£ 27.00
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	£649.00
VAT at 15%	£ 97.35
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	£746.35
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I hope this report will be helpful in your future discussions.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Gibson  
Secretary

2 Copies enclosed