

St George's Hanover Square Portico Repair

- Just before Christmas last year a section of the portico ceiling fell to the ground. As the portico forms the pavement of this section of St George Street we had to take immediate action and install a scaffolding protective 'crash desk' to ensure the safety of the public and to enable us to remain open for Christmas services (which thankfully we were able to do) in case more of the ceiling were to come down.
- The whole of the front of the Church is now covered in a scaffold and hoarding, and our attention now turns to the repair and restoration of the ceiling and the lead roof above the portico. Full investigations of the cause of the collapse and detailed costing of solutions to preserve as much of the existing structure as possible while making it safe are in progress.
- We expect the cost of this work to be in the region of £500,000 although this remains an estimate until such time as full and detailed costings have been performed.
- We are seeking assistance in raising these funds.

"This significant and unexpected expense, which we expect to be in the region of £500,000, to repair and maintain the exterior of Church and ensure the safety and continued beauty of the public realm is a financial burden too great for the parish to bear by itself. Therefore we seek the assistance of our friends and neighbours to help keep Mayfair's beloved parish church standing for another three hundred years."

The Revd Roderick Leece, Rector of St George Hanover Square.