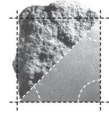


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# St Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2



**Architect/Designer:**  
**Eric Parry Architects**

**Client:**  
**St Martin-in-the-Fields**

**Main Contractor:**  
**Costain**

**Location:**  
**Trafalgar Square, London**

**Portland Stone:**  
**Jordans Whitbed**

**Scope of Project:**  
**Redevelopment of St Martin-in-the-Fields to incorporate modern facilities.**

St Martin-in-the-Fields is a landmark church in the heart of London and is well known for its welcoming atmosphere, award-winning Café, popular classical and jazz concerts and historic James Gibbs architecture.

In January 2006 St Martin's embarked on a building project to restore and transform the church and surrounding buildings, and create a new sequence of beautiful, practical and inspirational spaces to serve the community, visitors and those in need.

The Renewal of St Martin-in-the-Fields will create modern facilities to replace what was once a series of Victorian burial vaults, which have inadequately housed many of St Martin's services for decades.

Albion stone supplied approximately 10m<sup>3</sup> of Portland Jordans Whitbed for the restoration of the Portland Stone facades, including the spire and tower,

restoration of the entrance steps, replacing stones where repair was not practical.

The scheme was introduced by Peter Murray who praised *"the elegant architectural solution proposed for this highly complex project."* Murray also commended St Martin's for its *"stroke of genius in choosing an architect who understands the relationship between old and new in this city"*.

The restoration of St Martin-in-the-Fields church was one of just two UK projects to be awarded a European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage. Europa Nostra Awards are given for outstanding cultural heritage initiatives and conservation projects as well as research and education.

The judges were impressed by Parry's approach to *"one of the most complex renewal projects undertaken in London for many years"*.

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