

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish: ASTON AND NEHELLS
	Dedication: St James
	Grid Ref: SP 074 896
	Local Authority: Birmingham
	HER ref: None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>	
Existing documentation	By: MH Date: 24/10/14
Sources: Diocesan list of church buildings; Birm HER; Tomlinson map of Aston Manor, 1758	
Earliest date- documentary: 1981	
Earliest date- structural: 1981	
Phasing- extensions and contractions:	
Floor levels raised or lowered:	
Other works	
Site moved: No	
Churchyard:	
Surroundings: Within original extent of Aston Park.	
Site observation	Not visited
Overall Assessment	By: MH Date: 18/11/15
No known archaeological potential	

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish: ASTON AND NEHELLS	
	Dedication: St Matthew	
	Grid Ref: SP 0843 8807	
	Local Authority: Birmingham	
	HER ref: MBM184	
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 24/10/14
Sources: VCH Warks Vol 7; Pevsner Warks, 131; Birm HER		
Earliest date- documentary: 1839-40		
Earliest date- structural: 1839-40		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: Palaeoenvironmental deposits of interglacial date have been recorded to the east of the church.		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 19/11/15
Palaeoenvironmental deposits recorded to the east may extend as far as the church.		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	ASTON
	Dedication:	Ss Peter and Paul
	Grid Ref:	SP 0826 8991
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	MBM311
<p><i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i></p>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 3/1/15
<p>Sources: Birm Mus; Cossins Vol 2, 56-58; VCH Warks Vol 7; Pevsner Warks, 146-48; Birm HER; A E Everitt, TBAS 1872, 1-26; guidebook 1947 (G LI Davies); Cossins; John Tomlinson, Map of Aston Manor 1758; Aylesford drawings</p>		
<p>Earliest date- documentary: Priest in Domesday Book; church mentioned about 1165. Probable minster church.</p>		
<p>Earliest date- structural: A blocked semi-circular Norman doorway in the south wall of chancel and five courses of red sandstone in the north wall of the chancel, possibly Norman, were recorded in 1860. Drawing shows remains of Norman doorway with painted coloured decoration, blocked with brick, as exposed during restoration in 1879-80. The location is unclear on the drawing but it is described by Cossins as a priests's door, so it must be that on the south side of the chancel. In 1872 it was suggested that the blocked door on the south side of the chancel and the adjoining wall were fragments of an older church because of the absence of the base moulding carved around the rest of the chancel.</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: Cossins visited in 1850, prior to restoration. The church then consisted of chancel, 4-bay nave, north and south aisles and west tower. Middle pillar of each arcade was rectangular, the others circular. Nave arcades and chancel probably 14th cent, north aisle wider than south. Blocked priest's door on south side of chancel. Traces of small room, probably vestry, on north side of chancel. East ends of aisles show considerable alteration. Aylesford drawings show nave, south aisle and chancel. Window styles generally 13th/14th century. Earlier window scars at east end of south wall of chancel and east wall of nave. Chancel rebuilt late 13th cent. 13th cent coins found under sedilia when chancel removed 1879. North and south aisles 14th cent. 14th cent windows in chancel on 1820 drawing. 14th cent work reset in wall of north aisle. Western half of aisle walls are in places 14th cent walls refaced. Piers of present arcades copied from 14th cent ones. Piscina in south aisle wall marks eastward extent of former Lady Chapel at east end of south aisle. Tower 15th cent. Nave rebuilt and extended eastwards in 1879-90, and aisles and chancel rebuilt. South aisle and porch rebuilt 1908.</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: Floor of church and chancels raised by about a foot in 1789-90 and pulpit removed. In 1872, observed that old tombs in chancel have at least a foot of their basements hidden by the floor, and effigy of a knight found "some years ago" under flooring at west end of south aisle. Floor lowered throughout during work in 1879-81.</p>		
<p>Other works: Watching brief 2008 of excavation of pit for baptistery recorded mortar overlying brick floor and heating ducts, overlying silty sand containing disarticulated bone and coffin handles and cut by two brick vaults, themselves cut by another brick vault. Later brick vault possibly used for reinterments of burials disturbed during lengthening of chancel in 1879-90.</p>		
<p>Site moved: No</p>		
<p>Churchyard: Up to mid 18th cent, churchyard extended just a little to the west of the tower.</p>		
<p>Surroundings: 14th or 15th cent timber-framed building (Westbrook House) formerly stood on east side of churchyard. Moated site to north-west. Aston Park to south. Houses shown to east of church on 1758 map are on site of medieval village. Excavations here in 2013 revealed features of medieval date including intercutting ditches and a wall base, and post-medieval pits.</p>		

Site observation	By: MH	Date: 9/7/15
Earliest date (visible structures):		
Phasing- extensions and contractions: Early stonework in north wall at junction with corridor leading to church centre- infilling a doorway or possibly an entrance to a vault.		
Heating ducts: Centre of nave and walkways of north and south aisles, and north-south at west end of nave. Grills in front of sanctuary.		
Internal graves/vaults: 16 th cent vault and another grave slab in south aisle under pews. Grave slab in north aisle. Late medieval and 16 th /17 th cent effigies in chancel and south chapel (Erdington Chapel). Memorial slabs on walls of south aisle and north aisle.		
Floor levels raised or lowered: South-east chapel and chancel floors c40cm above nave and aisle floors.		
External drains: Around whole of exterior. Brick-lined gully along south wall and grills in path around church.		
Churchyard: Two phases of churchyard extension to north. The former boundary of the lower area may be the original edge of the River Tame.		
Surroundings: Site of Westbrook House is very overgrown.		
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 25/10/15
Possibly better survival of below-ground deposits in chancel and south-east chapel where floors are markedly higher than elsewhere in the church. Possible survival of medieval wall footings under nave. Some of medieval wall fabric may survive under 19 th cent refacing. Former course of River Tame within churchyard may include palaeoenvironmental deposits and riverside features. Possible survival of archaeological remains in western part of churchyard predating its 18 th cent extension. Possible below ground remains of Westbrook House.		
Research Questions		
The church's origins: are there any remains of the pre-Conquest minster church? The church's development: little seems to be known of the development of the church up to the 19 th cent restoration, and particularly its medieval development. What is the relationship of the church to the medieval village and the nearby moated site?		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	BANNERS GATE
	Dedication:	St Columba
	Grid Ref:	SP 089 954
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 2/1/15
Sources: Pevsner Warks, 196		
Earliest date- documentary:		
Earliest date- structural: 1957-60		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: Sutton Park (medieval deer park- scheduled monument and Registered Park) nearby		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 19/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	BOLDMERE
	Dedication:	St Michael
	Grid Ref:	SP 109 938
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 3/1/15
Sources: Pevsner Warks, 426		
Earliest date- documentary: 1857		
Earliest date- structural: 1895-96		
Phasing- extensions and contractions: South aisle and south chancel aisle 1895-96. Old part burnt out in 1964		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 19/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish: CASTLE VALE	
	Dedication: St Cuthbert of Lindisfarne	
	Grid Ref: SP 146 914	
	Local Authority: Birmingham	
	HER ref: None	
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 3/1/15
Sources: Diocesan list of church buildings		
Earliest date- documentary: 1972		
Earliest date- structural: 1972		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 19/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	CURDWORTH
	Dedication:	St Nicholas and St Peter ad Vincula
	Grid Ref:	SP 1779 9281
	Local Authority:	North Warwickshire
	HER ref:	MWA41
<p><i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i></p>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 4/1/15
<p>Sources: Birm Mus; Cossins Vol 5, 47-54; VCH Warks Vol 4, 65-67; Pevsner Warks, 284-285; Warks HER; J Hunt and M Hodder, Warwickshire History Vol 7 No.5 (1992), 162-74</p>		
<p>Earliest date- documentary: Advowson mentioned 1165</p>		
<p>Earliest date- structural: Chancel, chancel arch and east part of nave mid 12th cent</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: 14th cent modifications, including blocking 12th cent nave north and south doorways and replacing with new doorways further west. Nave extended to west, and porch and tower constructed, in 15th cent. Restoration in 1800 included rebuilding porch. 1895-96 restoration- trench dug around church to underpin all of walls.</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: 14th century floor tiles found in 19th cent restoration. Font and stone coffins found under nave floor during restoration in 1895.</p>		
<p>Other works: Steps running east-west below south-east window found in 1895. Trench dug all round church in 1895 to underpin chancel walls and parts of nave walls. Archaeological observation in 2006 recorded foundations and buttresses dating from 12th to 15th cents, including 12th cent chancel, 15th cent bell tower, nave and south porch. Two burials recorded to south of tower, probably predating construction of tower. The NE-SW alignment of these burials is probably the result of overcrowding in a favoured area of the churchyard.</p>		
<p>Site moved: No</p>		
<p>Churchyard: Extended to west, 1918-19. Grave found outside north wall of church, with shoes on. Continuation under church of rectangular platform in field to south. Dead from Battle of Curdworth said to be buried in one grave south of chancel.</p>		
<p>Surroundings: Rectangular platform in field to south, possible early manor house site.</p>		
Site observation	By: MH	Date: 24/6/15
<p>Earliest date (visible structures):</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: Chamfered cornice or stringcourse at base of windows on inside face of north and south walls of chancel.</p>		
<p>Heating ducts:</p>		
<p>Internal graves/vaults: Grave slabs down centre of nave. Grave slabs on sanctuary floor.</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: Tower floor higher than nave. Three steps down from tower arch into nave. One step down to church nave from south door. 14th century floor tiles found in 19th cent restoration.</p>		
<p>External drains: Whole exterior</p>		
<p>Churchyard: Church straddles east edge of platform which extends from field to south. Junction of nave and chancel is over slope of east edge.</p>		
<p>Surroundings:</p>		
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 25/10/15
<p>Probably major disturbance of interior surfaces during 19th cent restoration and below-floor survival therefore poor. However, the rectangular platform visible to the south extends into the churchyard and archaeological remains of former structures may survive on it. The steps recorded at the south-</p>		

east of the church in 1895 may have led to a former structure here.

Research Questions

What is the relationship of the church to the platform?

Is another structure to the south-east indicated by the steps found here?

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	ERDINGTON
	Dedication:	St Barnabas
	Grid Ref:	SP 1106 9165
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	MBM201
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment. This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 4/1/15
Sources: VCH Warks Vol 7; Pevsner Warks, 176; Birm HER; John Tomlinson, Map of Erdington, 1760		
Earliest date- documentary: 1822-23		
Earliest date- structural: 1822-23		
Phasing- extensions and contractions: Transepts and chancel added 1883		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works: Watching brief in 2011-12 in advance of extension on north-west side of church revealed 17 graves including six 19 th cent brick vaults.		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: Probably within medieval settlement of Erdington. Extent of medieval village suggested by the 1760 map which shows what appears to be a planned settlement layout, with a continuous rear boundary, along each side of the present High Street, with fields beyond.		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 20/11/15
Possibly archaeological remains of medieval village in surroundings		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	ERDINGTON
	Dedication:	St Chad
	Grid Ref:	SP 107 902
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 11/12/15
Sources: Diocesan list of church buildings		
Earliest date- documentary: 1949		
Earliest date- structural: 1949		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 11/12/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	FOUR OAKS
	Dedication:	All Saints
	Grid Ref:	SP 1091 9873
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	MBM4
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 4/1/15
Sources: Birm HER		
Earliest date- documentary: 1908		
Earliest date- structural: 1908		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: Sutton Park (medieval deer park- scheduled monument and Registered Park) nearby		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 20/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	GRAVELLY HILL
	Dedication:	All Saints
	Grid Ref:	SP 096 907
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 4/1/15
Sources: VCH Warks Vol 7; Pevsner Warks, 176		
Earliest date- documentary: 1900-01		
Earliest date- structural: 1900-01		
Phasing- extensions and contractions: Enlarged 1904- west porch and east vestry		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 20/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish: HILL	
	Dedication: St James	
	Grid Ref: SP 1203 9894	
	Local Authority: Birmingham	
	HER ref: MBM65	
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 4/1/15
Sources: VCH Warks Vol 4,; Pevsner Warks, 426; Birm HER		
Earliest date- documentary: 1834-35		
Earliest date- structural: 1834-35		
Phasing- extensions and contractions: East end 1906-08		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 20/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	MANEY
	Dedication:	St Peter
	Grid Ref:	SP 1211 9628
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	MBM67
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment. This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
Sources: Pevsner Warks, 426; Birm HER		
Earliest date- documentary: 1904-05		
Earliest date- structural: 1904-05		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: 16 th cent stone house nearby		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 22/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	MIDDLETON
	Dedication:	St John the Baptist
	Grid Ref:	SP 1768 9834
	Local Authority:	North Warwickshire
	HER ref:	MWA116
<p><i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i></p>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
<p>Sources: Birm Mus; Cossins Vol 3, 101-104; VCH Warks Vol 4, 158-60; Pevsner Warks, 355; Warks HER; J Hunt and M Hodder, Warwickshire History 5, 162-74; M Hodder, TBAS 97, 41-56</p>		
<p>Earliest date- documentary: Priest in Domesday Book.</p>		
<p>Earliest date- structural: Chancel and south wall of nave 12th cent.</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: North aisle and arcade late 13th cent, tower late 15th cent, south porch 18th cent. North wall includes reset Norman stones and reset north door. Bell frame 14th or 15th cent- possibly reused from earlier tower. 13th cent wall paintings.</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: Pier bases in arcade suggest that present floor is lower than original- up to about 30cm in west, 10cm in east.</p>		
<p>Other works:</p>		
<p>Site moved: No</p>		
<p>Churchyard: Platform extending from under school to south-west into churchyard west of church. Possible ridge and furrow in north-west corner of graveyard. No remains of manor house found in trench dug across platform edge in advance of graveyard extension 1993 but stone, brick and tile rubble filling ditch alongside existing boundary. Field boundary ditches found in trench dug in west of graveyard 2004. Cossins (1886) mentions a square area enclosed by a bank and ditch in a field to the north of the church, and asks if this was the site of the ancient manor house. Observation of drain trenches to south of church in 1998 showed that all were along previously disturbed lines. A few previously disturbed human remains were found.</p>		
<p>Surroundings: Possible ditch outside original churchyard boundary.</p>		
Site observation	By: MH	Date: 24/6/15
<p>Earliest date (visible structures):</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: Limewash surviving on inner face of lower part of south nave wall. Original north-east corner of nave visible at east end of north arcade. Internal splay of Norman window in south wall of chancel. Wall paintings in north aisle.</p>		
<p>Heating ducts: Grills along nave and north aisle</p>		
<p>Internal graves/vaults: Grave slabs in sanctuary. Chancel carpeted</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: Floor lowering in nave and north aisle.</p>		
<p>External drains: Shallow drainage channel around outside of walls, probably not below original exterior ground surface</p>		
<p>Churchyard:</p>		
<p>Surroundings:</p>		
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 17/11/15
<p>Survival of below-floor deposits inside church possibly poor because of floor lowering. Remains of structures potentially survive on the platform which extends into the western part of the churchyard and continues to the west, south and north.</p>		
<p>Research Questions</p>		
<p>Are there any remains of a pre-12th cent church? Is the platform the site of a manor house? How does the 12th century church relate to it?</p>		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	MINWORTH
	Dedication:	St George the Martyr
	Grid Ref:	SP 157 923
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
Sources: VCH Warks Vol 4		
Earliest date- documentary: 1909		
Earliest date- structural: 1909		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: Adjoins Minworth Green, houses shown here on 1589 map. Within Charnels Ground in Minworth New Park.		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 22/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	OVER WHITACRE
	Dedication:	St Leonard
	Grid Ref:	SP 2545 9102
	Local Authority:	North Warwickshire
	HER ref:	MWA79
<p><i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i></p>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
Sources: Birm Mus; VCH Warks Vol 4, 257-58; Pevsner Warks, 368-69; Warks HER; Aylesford drawings		
Earliest date- documentary: Advowson mentioned 1203.		
Earliest date- structural: 12 th cent font now in Sutton Coldfield church.		
Phasing- extensions and contractions: Drawing of old church from south side by W Sadler reproduced in Aylesford drawings. Tower at west end, lower part stone, upper part weatherboarded. Nave has flat-headed windows. Chancel higher than nave and possibly earlier. Church rebuilt 1766. Medieval church under new church. Medieval nave possibly incorporated in 18 th century nave.		
Floor levels raised or lowered: Church on platform on top of hill.		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: Large earthwork in field to north of church		
Site observation	By: MH	Date: 5/8/15
Earliest date (visible structures):		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Heating ducts:		
Internal graves/vaults: Wall plaques on north wall refer to burials nearby		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
External drains: None visible		
Churchyard: Level area to east end of church with ground dropping away beyond it probably marks extent of chancel shown on Aylesford Collection drawing- which seems to have 13 th cent lancet windows. 3 marked graves just outside east end of present church and within the level area.		
Surroundings: Stones from earlier church possibly included in building on south side of churchyard (all the visible stone of the existing church looks like it was new at the time of the 18 th cent rebuild). Earthwork to north of church is the steep northern edge of a possible platform extending into the churchyard.		
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 17/11/15
Probably very good survival of below-floor deposits. Below-ground remains of east part of medieval chancel survive to the east of the church. Archaeological remains of structures potentially survive on the platform which extends into the churchyard from the north.		
Research Questions		
Do the footings of the medieval church survive? What was the plan of the 12th century church? What occupied the platform to the north of the church?		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	PERRY COMMON
	Dedication:	St Martin
	Grid Ref:	SP 091 932
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 11/12/15
Sources: Diocesan list of church buildings		
Earliest date- documentary: 1971		
Earliest date- structural:		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 11/12/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	PYPE HAYES
	Dedication:	St Mary the Virgin
	Grid Ref:	SP 129 915
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
Sources: Pevsner Warks, 176; Pevsner Birm, 293-95		
Earliest date- documentary: 1930		
Earliest date- structural: 1930		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 22/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	SHORT HEATH
	Dedication:	St Margaret
	Grid Ref:	SP 105 926
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 11/12/15
Sources: Diocesan list of church buildings		
Earliest date- documentary: 1973		
Earliest date- structural: 1973		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings: Medieval to post-medieval settlement.		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 11/12/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	STOCKLAND GREEN
	Dedication:	St Mark
	Grid Ref:	SP 094 919
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
Sources: Diocesan list of church buildings		
Earliest date- documentary: 1930		
Earliest date- structural: 1930		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 22/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	SUTTON COLDFIELD
	Dedication:	Holy Trinity
	Grid Ref:	SP 1219 9628
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	MBM10
<p><i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i></p>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
<p>Sources: Birm Mus; Cossins Vol 3, 73-75; VCH Warks Vol 4, 241-44; Pevsner Warks, 424-25; Birm HER; Sutton Coldfield library, copy of an original document held in Library of Birmingham</p>		
<p>Earliest date- documentary: Priest of Sutton mentioned in 1194-1204</p>		
<p>Earliest date- structural: Plinth of east wall of chancel early 13th cent.</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: Tower 15th cent and nave probably lengthened then, porch, south and north aisles and south and north chapels 16th cent (porch and aisles 1533, chapels possibly a few years earlier) with 18th cent rebuilding. Part of nave collapsed 1759 and rebuilt 1760. Outer north aisle and vestries 1874-79. South porch retains some portions of an oaken porch of 16th or 17th cent date.</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: Observations in 2003 under two front rows of pews showed that archaeological deposits potentially survived under pew platforms. Test pits dug in nave, outer north aisle and south aisle in 2015. A wall footing found in the nave pit was off the line of the present south arcade and may be the 13th cent nave south wall. A grave was found to its north. In the outer north aisle a possible former graveyard soil was overlain by a stone wall at an angle to the present church. Sand and gravel covering the wall, probably a levelling layer laid during 19th cent construction, contained a fragment of decorated medieval floor tile. In the south aisle a surface of roughly shaped sandstone blocks was possibly an external surface prior to construction of the aisle in the 16th cent. It was overlain by a make-up level with a mortar surface above it which was either a floor or the base of a tiled floor.</p>		
<p>Other works:</p>		
<p>Site moved: No</p>		
<p>Churchyard: Evaluation in 1992 west of church located churchyard boundary of 1832 and revealed graves almost all of late 18th and early 19th cent date. Some medieval pottery in later grave fills. Graveyard includes site of 16th cent school.</p>		
<p>Surroundings: Medieval and later buildings in Coleshill Street. Archaeological features and deposits excavated in Coleshill Street including medieval oven and stone footing of medieval timber building, and around former rectory where geophysics revealed structures. Medieval to post medieval archaeological remains excavated in Mill Street. Palaeolithic axe from Rectory Road.</p>		
Site observation	By: MH	Date: 23/6/15
<p>Earliest date (visible structures):</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions:</p>		
<p>Heating ducts: Grills along centre of nave and north-south from south door. Grill at east end of nave. Grills in north aisle and Vesey Chapel. Grills in south aisle.</p>		
<p>Internal graves/vaults: Grave slabs in floor of north aisle (but not outer north aisle). Grave slabs in floor of south aisle. Vault at south-west corner.</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: Chancel raised above Vesey Chapel. South west corner raised above pier base- vault here. Steps down from south door into church. South-east pier of nave- possibly earlier base surviving. Floor appears to be below pier base at east end of nave. Six steps down from tower floor into church.</p>		
<p>External drains: Channels around whole of church</p>		

Churchyard: Substantial build-up on north side of church- vaults? Church built on a slope- would account for steps down from tower

Surroundings:

Overall Assessment

By: MH

Date:

Probably good survival of below-floor deposits, judging from wall footings, floors and graves found in 2015 test pits. Wall in outer north aisle suggests possible features in surrounding graveyard.

Research Questions

What date is the first church on the site?

What was the plan of the 13th century church?

What survives of structures dating from before the 16th century building activity?

What are the structures, originally outside the church, which were found under the outer north aisle?

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish: SUTTON COLDFIELD
	Dedication: St Chad
	Grid Ref: SP 133 961
	Local Authority: Birmingham
	HER ref: None
<i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i>	
Existing documentation	By: MH Date: 11/12/15
Sources: Diocesan list of church buildings	
Earliest date- documentary: 1926	
Earliest date- structural:	
Phasing- extensions and contractions:	
Floor levels raised or lowered:	
Other works:	
Site moved: No	
Churchyard:	
Surroundings:	
Site observation	Not visited
Overall Assessment	By: MH Date: 11/12/15
No known archaeological potential	

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish: WALMLEY	
	Dedication: St John The Evangelist	
	Grid Ref: SP 1368 9352	
	Local Authority: Birmingham	
	HER ref: MBM85	
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Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
Sources: Pevsner Warks, 426; Birm HER		
Earliest date- documentary: 1845		
Earliest date- structural: 1845		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 22/11/15
No known archaeological potential		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	WISHAW
	Dedication:	St Chad
	Grid Ref:	SP 1767 9457
	Local Authority:	North Warwickshire
	HER ref:	MWA53
<p><i>Please read the Introduction and Guide that accompanies the Assessment.</i> <i>This assessment is not a substitute for consultation of the relevant Historic Environment Record</i></p>		
Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 6/1/15
<p>Sources: Birm Mus; Cossins Vol 2, 31-33; VCH Warks Vol 4, 260-61,; Pevsner Warks, 475; Warks HER; M Hodder , TBAS 97, 41-56</p>		
<p>Earliest date- documentary: Priest in Domesday Book- but possibly not at a church on this site</p>		
<p>Earliest date- structural: 13th cent nave, north aisle and north arcade. Circular pier of first bay of north arcade is probably a survivor of the 13th cent arcade.</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: Chancel and south aisle early 14th cent; north aisle and north arcade remodelled 15th cent. 15th cent window at east end of south aisle. West tower 17th cent. Buttresses 19th cent restoration. Cossins says most of north wall of north aisle is 18th cent except for frags around north door, and north-east corner.</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered:</p>		
<p>Other works:</p>		
<p>Site moved: No</p>		
<p>Churchyard: Chamfered plinths of east and north walls are buried below ground level. Observation of trenches in 2008 showed that the apparent mound on which the church stands is upcast from its construction. To the east of the church it overlies a former ground surface with indications of possible ridge and furrow or former grave cuts. The mound material to the southwest of the church contained roof and floor tile fragments, a lens of lime mortar, worked masonry, and pottery of 13th to 17th century date. An unsurfaced hollowed path aligned on the 17th cent tower was found under later path surfaces. Very little human bone was found. Painted masonry blocks found on east wall of south aisle and painted plaster fragments in wall core.</p>		
<p>Surroundings: Ridge and furrow in field to south. Field patterns on historic mapping suggest that the church was built over former open field strips.</p>		
Site observation	By: MH	Date: 24/6/15
<p>Earliest date (visible structures):</p>		
<p>Phasing- extensions and contractions: North and south doors offset.</p>		
<p>Heating ducts: None visible</p>		
<p>Internal graves/vaults: Memorial slabs on south wall of nave refer to 18th cent burials</p>		
<p>Floor levels raised or lowered: Base of piers covered by timber pew platforms. More of pier plinths visible in north arcade than south.</p>		
<p>External drains: Drainage trench c50cm deep around outside</p>		
<p>Churchyard:</p>		
<p>Surroundings:</p>		
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 17/12/15
<p>Probably good survival of below-floor deposits inside church. Former ground surface predating church under mound around church.</p>		
<p>Research Questions</p>		
<p>Is there any evidence of a church on the site before the 13th century?</p>		

Diocese of Birmingham ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 2015	Parish:	WYLDE GREEN
	Dedication:	Emmanuel
	Grid Ref:	SP 1183 9335
	Local Authority:	Birmingham
	HER ref:	MBM7
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Existing documentation	By: MH	Date: 9/1/15
Sources: Pevsner Warks, 425-26; Birm HER		
Earliest date- documentary: 1909-16		
Earliest date- structural: 1909-16		
Phasing- extensions and contractions:		
Floor levels raised or lowered:		
Other works:		
Site moved: No		
Churchyard:		
Surroundings:		
Site observation	Not visited	
Overall Assessment	By: MH	Date: 22/11/15
No known archaeological potential		