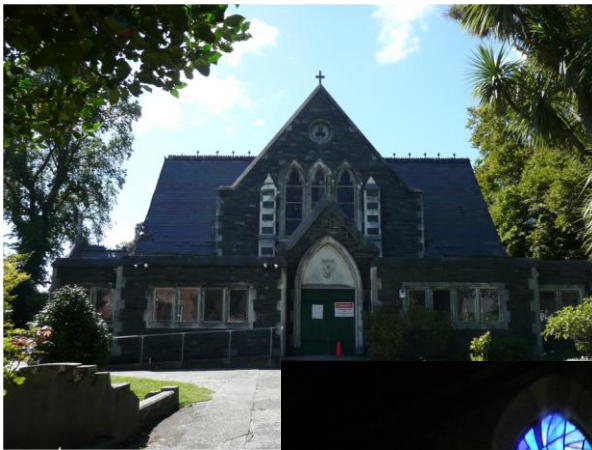


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Avonside Anglican Church: rescuing the west gable stained glass windows.

This church has largely collapsed, as a cumulative result of the September 2010 to June 2011 earthquakes. The west gable is still standing, at risk of imminent collapse, and contains a set of much admired stained glass windows, reportedly fitted about 40 years ago in memory of one James Isaac.

This document aims to explore what interest there may be in taking urgent action to attempt to remove these windows, so as to pre-empt any risk of the gable collapsing and so damaging or probably destroying these stained glass windows.



The western view on 14 June 2011



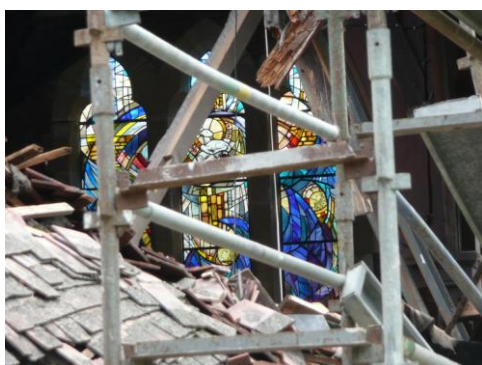
Some of the smaller windows



The larger windows



View through ruins



The gable leans



View through ruins

The stained glass windows consist of three large windows, and six smaller ones. It appears that the smaller windows are at less risk as they are lower, and just above what appear to be reinforced concrete block walls.

Graham White, who has considerable experience of removing stained glass windows, has expressed enthusiasm for rescuing these windows, provided it can be done safely, and with approval from Anglican Church Church Property Trustees (manager Liz Clarke).