



John Douglas (1830 - 1911) was born locally at nearby Sandiway and became one of Cheshire's most revered architects.

He set up his practice in Chester and one of his early commissions was to design the south-west wing (including clock tower) and re-case the south wing of Vale Royal abbey. The work was completed in 1861 when Douglas was 31 years old – a remarkable achievement!

Within the centre you will see many of his local designs together with a number from Chester where much of his work was undertaken. There are many artefacts on display including the deacons' minutes when it was agreed to appoint Mr Douglas and also an original plan of Over URC signed and dated in 1867 by the architect.

Visit us

The church is open for worship every Sunday at 10:30am

Visits to the church and the John Douglas Heritage Centre can be arranged for groups or individuals

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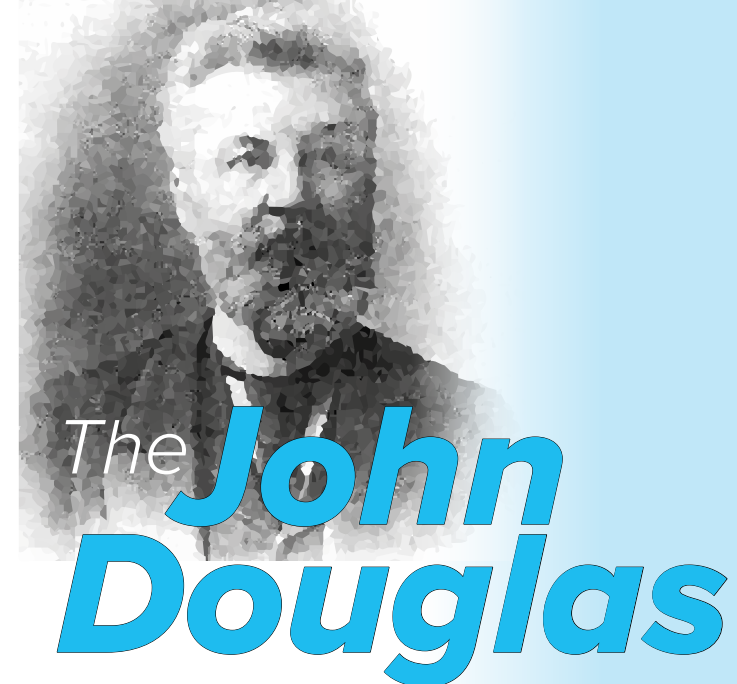
The church has received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund for high-level repairs.



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Heritage Centre

AT OVER UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
WINSFORD



The John Douglas Heritage Centre

Repair of the church roof

In 2018 the roof of the church was repaired and refurbished at a cost approaching £220,000. There is a display of some of the original masonry and stonework together with its modern day replacements.

History of Over URC

There is a display showing the history of Over URC, (formerly Congregational Church), from its very beginnings when services were held in a cottage during the late 1700s right up to today.

John Douglas

If you're interested in John Douglas, architecture in general, local history or the Victorian era, there is something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate at the John Douglas Heritage Centre.

