

## Devon County Council Historic Environment Record

<b>Civil Parish &amp; District:</b> Stoke Gabriel, South Hams	<b>National Grid Reference:</b> SX 8491 5713	<b>Number:</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Archaeological monitoring and recording at St Gabriel and St Mary's Church, Stoke Gabriel, Devon.		<b>Photo attached:</b> Y
<b>Faculty no:</b> 108/13	<b>Recipient museum:</b> n/a	
<b>OASIS ID:</b> oakforda1-188025	<b>Museum Accession no:</b> n/a	
<b>Contractor's reference number/code:</b> OA1174	<b>Dates fieldwork undertaken:</b> 24/04/2014	
<p><b>Description of works:</b> An archaeological watching brief was undertaken by Oakford Archaeology in April 2014 at St Gabriel's Church, Stoke Gabriel, Devon (SX 8491 5713). The site (Fig. 1) lies immediately to the west of the 15<sup>th</sup> century Rood screen. The church is grade I listed and is first mentioned in the Domesday book of 1086. Only the tower remains of the 13<sup>th</sup> century building, the remainder having been rebuilt during the late 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> century. The church was heavily refurbished between 1848-55 and again 1928-31.</p> <p>A watching brief was maintained during works associated with the construction of a new gas-fired heating system (Fig. 2). The work involved the removal of existing slabs and ground reduction extending to a depth of 0.2m. The existing stone slabs, consisting of local limestone set in a mixture of fine sandy lime mortar and concrete, were re-laid.</p> <p><b>Results:</b> Inspection of the area exposed the top of a mid reddish brown silty clay deposit (100), interpreted as a heavily reworked charnel soil, containing frequent fragments of disarticulated human bone.</p> <p><b>Conclusion:</b> The work exposed the top of a heavily reworked charnel soil, although no dating evidence was uncovered, and the shallow nature of the excavations meant that disturbance was kept to a minimum.</p> <p><b>Project archive and OASIS entry</b> Due to the limited nature of the findings a project archive will not be produced. A summary of the investigations has been submitted to the on-line archaeological database OASIS (Online AccesS to the Index of archaeological InterventionS).</p>		
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Fig. 1 Location of site.

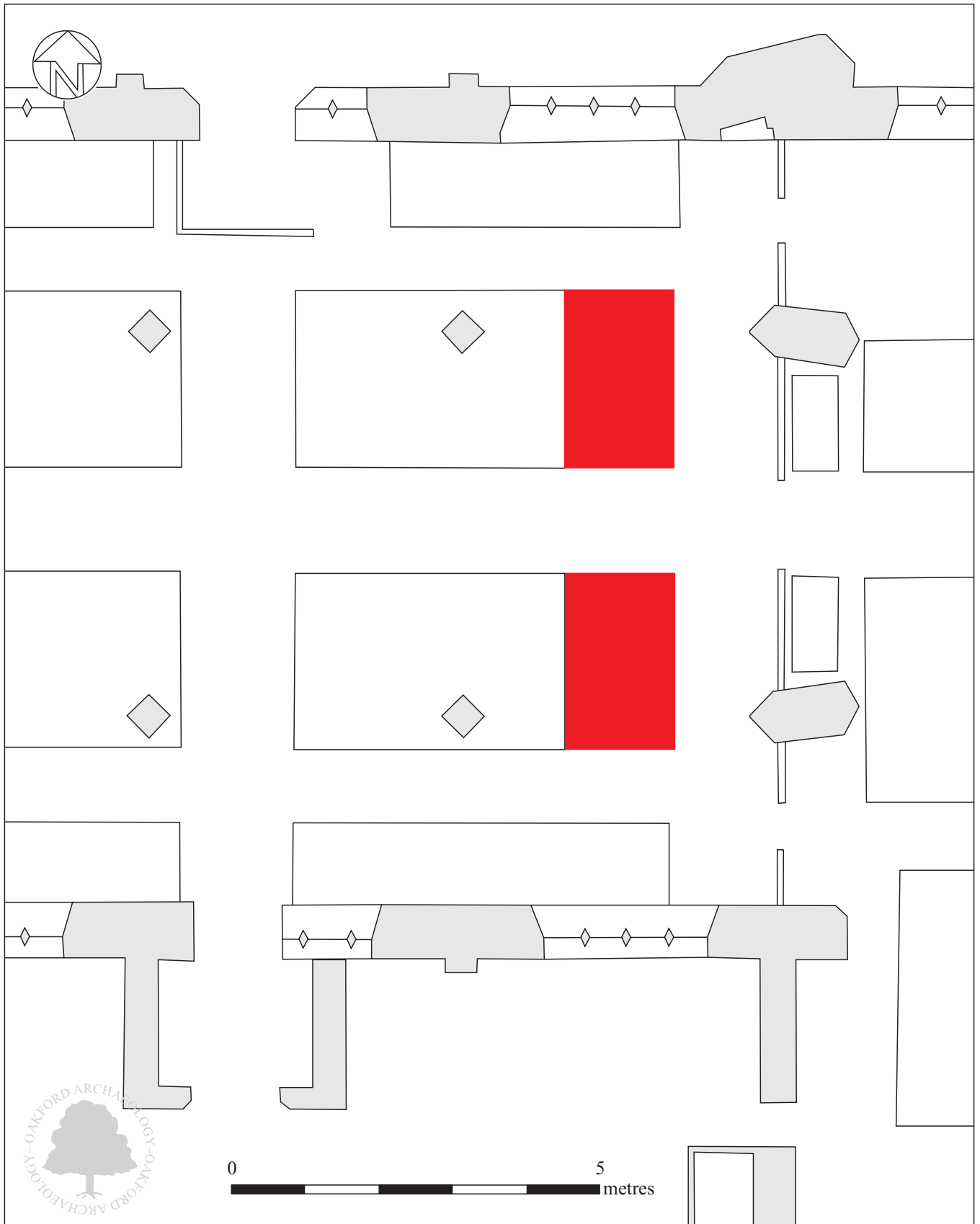


Fig. 2 Plan showing extent of groundworks.





Pl. 1 General view of groundworks, north nave. 1m scale. Looking north.



Pl. 2 General view of groundworks, south nave. 1m scale. Looking north.