

**St Edward the Confessor's Church in Mottingham** (Diocese of Southwark) has begun to experience typical symptoms of subsidence in recent years. The root cause is a shift in the clay soils underneath the suburb, triggered by temperature increases and disrupting the concrete foundations of properties such as St Edward's.

Although the cracking in walls and floors caused by this subsidence remains relatively safe for the time being, it will cause serious issues if left alone for too long. The church's insurance consultants emphasised this view, suggesting that it be treated as priority work.

Since 2018, a series of projects have been completed, contributing to a general scheme of reordering. Chief among the adaptations to the church's foundations, while also supporting community needs.



Des Blenkinsopp (geograph.org)

**Read the Case Study below.**

- [Mottingham Case Study | The Church of England](#)

**Learn more about Mottingham: St Edward the Confessor**

#### **Church Heritage Record**

[Mottingham: St Edward the Confessor - CHR Church \(churchofengland.org\)](#)

#### **A Church Near You**

[St Edwards Church, Mottingham - A Church Near You](#)

#### **Southwark Diocese Environment Page**

[The environment - The Diocese of Southwark \(anglican.org\)](#)

# Also of interest

## Net-zero Carbon Church

[Find helpful guidance](#)

## Net-zero Webinars

[Learn about net-zero](#)

## More Case Studies

[Back to the main case studies page](#)

## Eco Church

[Find out more about the Eco Church scheme, run by A Rocha](#)

## Environment Home Page

[Main landing page for environment](#)

## Fundraising

[Information about fundraising options](#)

---

**Source URL:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/towards-net-zero-carbon-case-studies/adjusting-subsidence-major-reordering>