

## Case Study

# St Michael's Abbey

Farnborough, Hampshire

Southern Concrete Services



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Southern Concrete Services recently carried out specialist stone cleaning works at St Michael's Abbey in Farnborough using Remmers Arte Mundit.

The Abbey was built circa 1880 by Empress Eugenie after the death of her husband Napoleon III. St Michael's Abbey is a contemplative monastery of monks of the Benedictine Order. The Farnborough monks operate a busy farm and apiary, a book bindery, a printing and publishing house as well as the traditional monastic work of hospitality.

Arte Mundit is a latex type paste used for cleaning internal surfaces without the use of large quantities of water. A thin layer of latex paste is applied over the stonework and cleans by removing dirt and other soiling without leaving chemical residues. Once applied and left for 24 hours, it is then easily peeled off. This is ideal for interiors such as churches, listed buildings, monuments and statues, where great care is required and other methods cannot be used.

The results of these works were extremely positive. Southern Concrete services completed the work whilst the Abbey maintained its religious schedule with minimum disruption.

It is expected that by the end of 2009 further works will have commenced on restoring both the inside and outside of the Abbey to its former glory.

## Project Outline

### Application:

*Stone Cleaning and Restoration*

### Supplier:

*Remmers*