

Churchwardens' and Fabric Report

The Churchwardens have continued to carry out their regular church duties and have ensured that all the annual checks of the church lighting, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers and PAT-testing have been carried out in line with the Diocesan regulations.

Regarding the fabric of the church, it has been necessary to replace the bell rope in the church tower and deal with leaking taps in the kitchen and ladies' toilets. The installation of solar panels on the Centre has been given consideration but after extensive research by Dave, the idea was abandoned because the direction of the sloping roofs was not suitable for efficiency. The sound system, and in particular the speakers in the chancel, are to be overhauled. Other ongoing considerations include the future replacement of the elderly sink in the vestry

We have been studying the recommendations in the annual inspection report from John Bailey and have obtained support from the PCC for work required, apart from the roof repairs to the church, which need scaffolding and a cherry-picker. After further consultation with John Bailey, we will prioritise the work needing to be completed in terms of guttering, the Parish Centre roof and external painting, ramp repairs, re-decoration of the Centre and conduit repairs

We are preparing for the Quinquennial on 5th October. This will be carried out by James Ford of Clague Architects. We are grateful for the help and advice given to us by Martin Bush.

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