

St Peter and St Mary Fishbourne
Annual Parish Meeting 24 March 2019
Church Wardens Annual Fabric Report

1. Quinquennial Report

Last year the churchwardens provided an update on the results of the Quinquennial Report that had been received from the church architect, Simon Dyson of HMDW architects Limited, in October 2015.

We stated that we were considering options for the church heating and boiler as the boiler had exceeded its expected lifespan and spare parts would no longer be readily available if it were to break down.

I am pleased to report that a new boiler was installed by A G Broughton in September 2018 and this has been working well (the recent small hiccup was due to the absence of oil and was not a fault with the boiler!). Before completing this work we obtained quotations from a number of firms and discussed these with the church architect. Our recommendations were then approved by the PCC and the appropriate consents obtained from the Diocese. We agreed to monitor the effectiveness of the new boiler before considering whether any additional work to the pipework inside the church was appropriate or desirable. Our current view is that such work is not needed.

The next Quinquennial Report will be due in 2020.

The need for redecoration of the plaster work between the vestry and the north aisle inside the church remains easy to see. The walls have all dried out properly following the work to the roof in 2017 and redecoration of this area is our next objective.

2. Maintenance

Appropriate regular routine maintenance checks were conducted during the year. Checks of the PAT testing of electrical items were undertaken in 2016 and servicing of the fire extinguishers was completed during 2018. These were all satisfactory.

During the year the old garden shed was removed from the churchyard. This was no longer being used and was beyond repair. We have taken the opportunity to tidy up the south east corner of the churchyard next to the Manor House and are now using this area for grass cuttings in order to level the surface.

3. Health and Safety

Health and safety is considered at regular business meetings of the PCC as appropriate. A copy of the health and safety policy is set out in the church.

4. Fabric and Terrier

The churchwardens are also required to maintain a terrier of all the lands belonging to the church and an inventory of all the articles belonging to it. As far as the wardens are aware the contents of these are accurate.

We were very pleased to receive the gift of a new lectern which has been designed and made specifically for the church. We have just started to use this at morning services and this will hopefully be easier to use. However the old lectern will still be used in the church and has been positioned at the prayer corner.

5. Support

The churchwardens would like to record their thanks to everybody who has given of their time and support during the year to help with the presentation and maintenance of the church. This includes the teams who clean the church, and who open and close the church each day to ensure that it remains welcoming and accessible to all visitors.

Gordon Ellis and Debbie Whitaker

Churchwardens

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