



## CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT TO THE 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2023 APCM ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF ST MARTIN'S CHURCH RUISLIP

- A major success in 2022 was getting the Church Clock repaired. The mechanism was removed late in 2021 by Public Clocks Ltd. After some chasing, the overhauled mechanism was re-instated in October and November 2022. Having paid the invoice of £7,200, we have been very fortunate that Ruislip Village Trust agreed to grant us the full £6,000 cost and the £1,200 VAT has been recovered from the Government's Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. The clock seems to be working well, with a few hiccups that the clock winding team are discovering how to overcome.
- The maintenance checks and repairs by contractors were all carried out satisfactorily during 2022, including our three gas boilers, fire extinguishers, lightning conductors, fire alarms and emergency lighting. The hall gas boiler has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced in 2023.
- The copper on the two side aisle roofs was treated with smart water as required by insurers Ecclesiastical in the autumn of 2022.
- Cleaning of gutters was carried out on both the church and church hall late autumn 2022
- The Fabric Committee has reviewed the Quinquennial Report. It is proving difficult to get even the most vital elements of recommended work undertaken due to financial constraints. However, contractors were asked to quote for the repair or replacement of the mullions around the vestry and sacristy windows and repair work on these was completed in early 2023.
- Some 24 minor surface repairs around the outside of the church, especially missing flints, were identified jointly by Fabric Committee members and the contractor selected to repair the mullions. These were all dealt with concurrent with the mullion repairs. A significant supply of flints has been left with us by the contractor.
- Once church finances start to improve further work, on both the inside and outside of the church, needs to be contracted.
- As recommended by the Quinquennial Inspection Report, some shortcomings to the inventory of memorials have been dealt with by Valery Cowley and details included in the church archive.
- Our quinquennial architect Margaret Davies retired in the middle of 2022. The diocese has suggested several potential successors and interviews will be held before the 2023 APCM.
- Funding shortages have prevented any further work on the bell tower access scheme drawn up by the Quinquennial Architect.
- A special thank you must go to Malcolm Roberts and Derek Cunliffe for all the unseen jobs that they do on behalf of the Church.

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