

CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT ON THE FABRIC, GOODS AND ORNAMENTS OF ST MARTIN'S CHURCH RUISLIP 2021

Since we last reported COVID restrictions were still in place. This has made it very difficult to carry out normal routine maintenance.

We have managed to arrange some of the routine checks of fire alarms, electrical sockets and fire extinguishers. Visual inspection of the church and grounds was undertaken.

Some clearing of Autumn leaf-fall from gutters was undertaken and it is hoped that in the future this can be carried out by a Diocesan contractor.

It is with relief that we received during the year the Quinquennial Inspection carried out by the Diocese's architect. The report is very detailed and will be studied by the Fabric Committee who will report fully to the PCC during the coming year.

Two main points have already been detected as needing urgent discussion and action.

- The mullions on the windows of the Sacristy are crumbling and need repair before the winter sets in.
- Access to the tower roof is still under consideration and the architect has already presented drawings of one possible solution.

The Tower clock mechanism was dismantled, with the assistance of John Ormshaw, during the year and taken to a specialist workshop for complete overhaul. It is hoped to have everything back during 2022 with the clock once again in perfect working order. It is hoped that a display on the repair, together with information on the original construction of the timepiece can be produced.

Success has been achieved with the surface water drains. Thames Water have cleared the drains leading to the main sewer. Hopefully flooding should not occur in the future. The Maintenance Team will be contacted in the near future and start to help with work required on the building and grounds. Ian Keys will be pleased to receive all offers of help.

We would take this opportunity to thank all the members of the congregation who have helped to maintain the smooth running of the church in so many ways, especially the Fabric Committee. A special thank you must go to Malcolm Roberts and his team as well as Derek Cunliffe for all the unseen jobs that they do on our behalf.

Alan Seymour
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On behalf of the Churchwardens