

Churchwarden's Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments for the APCM on April 24th 2016

The Churchwardens are happy to report that the condition of the Church building continues to be generally satisfactory. Repairs to a shower unit and some fencing were required at Cowell House. Apart from the Display Boards and Paschal Candle mentioned below there have not been any significant additions or disposals during the year.

The Archdeacon carried out the annual inspection on behalf of the Diocese, of the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments including all Registers, the Logbook, Terrier (inventory) and other legal documentation and his approval was obtained. All other necessary inspections and tests have been carried out and any requirements are being attended to.

Matters completed or nearing completion include: -

- The Heating system has been overhauled involving repairs to the Boiler House and pipework with associated ground work, replacement of the boiler and Lady Chapel Heaters. New control systems have been installed.
- The Organ has been refurbished and is currently being installed back in the Organ loft. Testing and tuning follows.
- The Organ loft roof metal and cracks in the parapets have been repaired.
- The Church Architect has carried out his Quinquennial inspection and has submitted his report. This has been referred to the Diocese for their comments before submission to the PCC.
- The damaged Altar frontals have been repaired.
- New Display Boards have been installed in the North Porch and the South Churchyard.
- A new Paschal Candle holder has been installed next to the font and the existing Holder has been renovated.
- The West door has been rehung by contractors.

On-going issues being dealt with are:-

- The New Interment Area has been almost completed. We are submitting the design of the memorial headstone to the Diocese for their approval. The Area is, however, ready for interments to take place.
- The staining to the arches over the south aisle is still causing concern and will be addressed during the Quinquennial work.
- The replacement of the floodlighting units is being carried out as the existing units fail.
- Improvement to the security of the Screen door and Donations box is being reviewed following an attempted break-in and actual theft.
- Discussions are still taking place with the Rhodes Museum regarding the loan of the Old Contemptibles' Banner and selected items of our plate.

The Fabric Committee have carried out various routine maintenance tasks, including clearing of drains and gutters, tidying up the Tower Room and clearing the Boiler House. Our thanks are given to them.

Members of the Committee are as follows:-

Michael Ashwood, Andrew Boxall, David Hood (Chairman and Acting Secretary), Chris Hooper, Peter Jones, Terry Pigram, Peter Solway and Andrew Westwood.

Churchwardens

Rosemary Thomson

Philip Smith

Deputy Wardens

Terry Pigram

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