

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments for the APCM 29 April 2018 (Covering January to December 2017).

The Churchwardens are happy to report that the condition of the Church building continues to be generally satisfactory. Tony Redman, our previous Architect, retired in 2016 having prepared the 2015 Quinquennial Inspection and we have appointed Iain Frearson of Freeland Rees Roberts, Architects in Cambridge. It is taking him some time to study all the issues from the Inspection and to undertake his own reports. He is extremely thorough and has visited on a number of occasions during 2017 and we are pushing hard to receive final suggestions for a number of miscellaneous items to be undertaken as soon as we are able.

Work that was dealt with during the last 12 months included:-

A second snagging inspection and follow up report was received from Paul Hale, Organ Consultant who confirmed that it had been completed in accordance with the contract with Mander Organs.

The Boiler is working well but Margles are prompt in dealing with small maintenance issues. The Old Contemptibles Banner has been loaned to the Rhodes Museum and is now housed in a splendid cabinet there.

The renovation of the George Duckett Tomb in the Churchyard was completed by the Town Council.

Secure repairs were made to the Donations box following more than one theft. The perpetrator was caught following the installation of a new CCTV system, funded by The Friends. Repairs were also made to the Parish Office door following two break ins.

The Churchyard Service and Notice Boards were replaced in a complementary blue.

The key list has been updated and thanks to all who returned keys no longer required

The Vicar's vestry was decorated in 2016 and enhancements have been made to house eg. the hymn boards, candles and communion wine.

A delivery van from Gourmet Turk, restaurant opposite in Windhill, damaged the entrance pillar to the Churchyard and the repair was paid for by the company responsible.

Ongoing issues being dealt with include:-

Signage indicating the directions to the WCC. This is in conjunction with the Town Council and their directives to Monastery Park and who will also cover the greater part of the cost.

The lamp post in the Churchyard adjacent to the entranceway to the WCC continues to malfunction but progress is being vigorously pursued.

The question on pew cushions continued to be discussed at 2017 PCC meetings and a positive reply will be pursued early in 2018.

Cowell House was vacated by the Curate in October and the Churchwardens are undertaking refurbishments, both inside and outside, to enable the property to be let for the short term future. (Work was completed in February 2018).

Our thanks to the Fabric Committee and particularly to Terry Pigram for his ongoing and regular commitment to a wide range of maintenance roles.

