

Building and Fabric Team Annual Report 2017

The team wish to express their thanks to the many members of the Church family who have carried out various tasks and have given generously of their time and talents during the last year, for which we are all very grateful.

The team would like to express their thanks to Jane Gorrie, our Verger, who looks after our Church building on a day to day basis. Thanks also go to Richard Holloway who stepped down during the year from managing the Church Centre for us. Along with a number of volunteers, who week in week out assist with the smooth running of our building, we express our grateful thanks. We are currently looking for a person to undertake the role of assistant verger and Church Centre manager.

The team would also like thank all the cleaners who work hard every week to keep our Church and Church Centre clean and tidy. Thanks must also go to the flower arrangers who, week in week out, produce beautiful floral displays to enhance our lovely building.

The team would also like to thank the immense number of the Church family who contributed in any way to putting up and taking down the Christmas trees and crib and for the refreshments provided by Pam & Martin Dexter.

The work of the Church Conservation and Renewal project team has recently been transferred to the two 'Thanks a Million' project teams (Church and Church Centre).

Projects completed during 2016-2017

Health and Safety - Continues to be regularly reviewed at the Building and Fabric Team meetings.

The annual **testing**, including electrical, PAT and Lightning conductor were carried out in Feb. 2017.

Annual Church **Maintenance plan** – this was followed during 2015 and recently reviewed for 2016 along with budget costs.

Church **Organ** - further work has been carried out on the Church Organ during the course of the last year.

The **Many Hands** Church yard gardening team (led by Manny Holden) has continued to carry out work keeping our Church Yard tidy. Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out during the year. We are also grateful for the ground clearance work carried out by HDC during the course of this year.

The **Shed** had a new roof put on to make it weather proof during the year. Thanks to the team of volunteers who carried out this work. The shed is now waiting to have an electrical supply reinstalled.

The upper room in the Bethany building has been fitted out with **shelving** to provide much needed storage space.

Repair work had to be carried out on the **Church Centre roof** following damage caused by intruders running over / playing on the roof. The cost of this work was mostly covered by our insurance.

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New low-energy lighting installed in All saints chapel and the outer church entranceway.

South side broken gutter and roof repair carried out, mostly covered by our insurance.

Church Centre borders completely re-mulched.

New security light installed in Church Centre Car Park.

Projects currently in-progress

Following a successful application made to the Listed Places of Worship Roof Fund in January 2016 we were awarded a grant of £59,300 to carry out **urgent repairs to our Church roof**. Along with money from our Fabric Fund and loans from the PCC and the Archdeacon we have been able to put together a programme of roof repairs this year. Work is planned to start at Easter and due to finish this summer. The cost of this work is £250,000 and means that significant fundraising now needs to be carried out to repay the loans we have had to take out.

Projects in planning for 2017 and beyond

The recent forming of the 'Thanks a Million' project team aims to raise funds to carry out projects that were identified in the MAP day in 2016. These works include; more repair/conservation work to the Church building, the removal of some pews in the South West corner of the Church to create accessible space for refreshments to be served after services, redevelopment of our Church Centre (to accommodate St. Mary's Pre-school (Nursery) and provide perhaps a coffee shop and community meeting area/s) and the installation of audio/visual equipment in Church. The Building and Fabric team expects to be involved in various ways in the planning and implementation of these projects in the coming years.

Redecoration of the Bethany toilets

Cutting back trees in Church Centre car park

Removal of Church Centre parking bollards which form a safety hazard.

Preparing for our next **Quinquennial Inspection** due later in 2017

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