

Certificates

Fire and Gas certificates, as well as boiler servicing, are dealt with by our Hall Manager and have been kept up to date.

Thanks to members of the congregation, minor maintenance work has been carried out 'in house.' This includes repairing internal cracks and decorating the Peter Apled room and the toilets following last year's external works on the damp walls and new lead flashing on the roof. The kitchen is now particularly well looked after thanks to Jubilee Bakery for Young People with special needs who achieved a 5 star food hygiene rating.

Gas Cooker

After the discovery of a gas leak the supply was isolated and a faulty valve on the cooker replaced.

Replacement signage

The outdoor signage has been replaced like for like, but updated with relevant information and our new logo. They are also brighter and clearer and include space to include posters about church activities. A name board listing previous Priests in charge and Vicars was put up in the porch thanks to a legacy from a member of the congregation.

Lights

All the lighting tubes in the Hall have been replaced and modified slightly to provide brighter lighting. The church sanctuary lights have been changed to fit warm LEDs which should last longer.

Toilets

This year we have had a recurring problem with our toilets. Repairs were made by a local plumber and we are pleased to report that the noise they were making has been fixed!

Drainage Issues

Due to an unpleasant smell we called in Dyno rod who cleared an inside blockage in our drainage, however this seemed to transfer to the outside, so Southern Water flushed through thoroughly the external drains. We also requested a visit from the local council pest control services to ensure our building didn't have any unwanted guests causing the smell! Nothing was found and the problem has been solved with the drainage works.

All other parts of the building and fabric are in good working order, although some decoration may be necessary in the future. The hall is used daily by various community groups and requests are made to improve the bad acoustic; we will be working with hall users to address this issue in the future – possibly with a material banner at the west end and a new notice board which may form part of the planes for a new welcome area which are underway, all subject to financial viability.

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