

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 fixing door handles and window latches, replacing toilet roll holders, varnishing and painting etc. We now have a maintenance list where, once identified, problems are logged and actions are reviewed at the DCC. We are also carrying out regular cleaning and maintenance days.

Doors

We are extremely grateful to Bob Silver from St. John's for doing extensive work on the Clarence Road door and Cambridge Road fire door. He successfully addressed issues with the door swelling and made changes which will prevent problems in the future.

Kitchen Sink and drainage

After a minor problem with flooding from the dishwasher in the kitchen, a plumber was able to successfully remove a substantial blockage in the drain outlet. We do not anticipate any further problems.

Gutters

Our biggest expense this year has been to have our gutters cleaned, fixed, and sealed on all the joints. This was done successfully and there have been no leaks or problems since the work was done, however, in order to improve aesthetics the gutters ideally need painting in the future.

Welcome project

During the year we have been working to improve our welcome. We have bought a new logo doormat for the entrance and have begun testing paint for a wall in the hall which will be fitted with new leaflet racks and information boards (which have recently been delivered) and a prayer area. The Archdeacon has been consulted and is in favour of our plans.

All other parts of the building and fabric are in good working order, although some decoration, particularly of the hall walls, is definitely needed in the next year. The building interior is beginning to show signs of wear and tear ten years on from the refurbishment. We have recently agreed to a quote by a local company to have our windows cleaned 3-4 times a year. These have not been done for some time.

The Quinquennial Inspection is booked to be carried out in July 2018 and no doubt this will lead to a schedule of works.

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