

Building and Fabric Team Annual Report 2020

The Team wishes to express thanks to the many members of the Church family who have given generously of their time during the past year carrying out countless tasks for which we are all truly grateful.

The Team would like to express thanks to Jane Gorrie, our Verger, who looks after our Church building on a daily basis and to Paul Kirkbride, our Church Centre manager, and the many volunteers, who week in week out assist with the smooth running of our Church and Church Centre.

The Team would also like to thank all our cleaners: John Gander, Anita Griffin, Richard Holloway, Elizabeth Windwood and her team who work hard every week to keep our Church and Church Centre clean and tidy. Thanks also go to the flower arrangers led by Sheila Glaysheer who produce beautiful floral displays every week to enhance the Church.

The Team would also like to thank the many members of our Church family who helped to put up and take down the Christmas trees and crib and for the refreshments provided by Pam & Martin Dexter. There is a tremendous feeling of fellowship and camaraderie at events such as these during the year.

The Team would also like to thank the many members of the Church family who, in readiness for the arrival of our new Rector, removed all the old carpets, cleaned all the rooms and blitzed the garden of the Vicarage and also to Paul Kirkbride who provided the trailer to take away the vast quantity of cuttings.

Thanks are also due to Jeff Blanks who decorated the entire Vicarage and to Will and Graham who replaced all the carpets in the Vicarage.

During 2019 Sybe Algar took over the Churchyard grass cutting. We are grateful for his efforts in keeping our Churchyard looking neat and tidy.

The 'Thanks A Million' (TAM) project teams have continued to meet and look at plans and designs for the re-ordering of the Church South Aisle and the redevelopment of the Church Centre provided by the architect practice for both projects, J. D. Clarke. We are, as always, very grateful for all the fundraising that has taken place over the year at events such as the Jazz evenings and 'Auction of Promises' with Rupert Toovey. We hope that in 2020 the South Aisle project will acquire substantial grant funding so that the project can move forward apace. It is also hoped that the Church Centre redevelopment project will regain momentum in 2020 as we strive to include the accommodation for St. Mary's pre-school within the refurbishment of the Church Centre. We continue to be grateful to Glynn Wright and Janet Palmart who respectively lead these TAM project teams.

Projects completed during 2019-2020

The repair work to the decayed roof rafters in St. John's Chapel (South Aisle), that were damaged through insect attack, have been repaired and now just await final decoration.

Wi-fi has been made available in the Church, Lollard's tower vestries and the Leslie room.

The 'All Access' toilet alarm in Bethany has been replaced.

Controlled First Aid kits have been installed in the Church and Church Centre.

A projection screen has been mounted in the Leslie room.

Thank you to the Church yard gardening team (led by Manny Holden) which continues to carry out work keeping our churchyard tidy, providing compost bins and installed a church shed water collection system. We are also grateful to HDC for their continued assistance in keeping the churchyard tidy.

The convector radiators in the Church Centre Barn were replaced with more efficient radiators and the programmer replaced offering more effective control of the system for hall users.

The floor of the Church Centre Barn has been sanded and re-varnished (Feb 2020).

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

The Team has replaced or repaired lamps in many locations including: Church Centre car park, St. Peter's chapel, Church downlighters, Holy Trinity chapel chandelier and wherever possible with low energy bulbs.

The annual testing, including electrical and PAT has been carried out during the last year.

The annual church gutter, gully and valley clean out took place during the year. This work was carried out by John Gander.

We continue to monitor the Church Maintenance plan and carry out tasks as they arise.

Projects for 2020 and beyond

Approval has been obtained to install an overhead projector and sound unit in the Leslie room.

Correct water ingress problems and reconstruct the Church boiler room roof.

Install security CCTV surveillance system and replacement organist's monitor in the Church.

Repair second cinquefoil window in the south aisle of the Church.

Raise significant funds to fulfil our visions for St. Mary's Church and the Church Centre in their future role in the life of Horsham in the 21st century.

To continue and plan for the points raised in the 2018 Quinquennial Inspection.

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