

APCM 27th April 2025

Warden Report

Fabric of the Church

Generally in good order, annual maintenance is to schedule, all certificates for electrics, extinguishers and lightning conductor are up to date.

Gutters and downpipes have been cleared and cleaned.

Boilers serviced and in good working order.

Quinquennial inspection carried out in Nov. 2024 showed no priority issues only regular general maintenance so as to avoid any future problems.

Work carried out:

A section of the tower downpipe has been replaced with an access point to enable clearing of any blockages (a previous issue caused water ingress).

A new soakaway and drain installed at the NW corner of the tower.

Internal plaster repairs carried out to the Chancel and south Nave walls.

Power run to a new socket by the porch entrance and fitting of a contactless card reader following the removal of the damaged wall safe.

Additional CCTV camera fitted for porch door entry.

Work in hand or on agenda:

Redecoration of Brace Room, particularly to repair water damage, and to refurbish the outside timber.

Redecoration of the ringing chamber.

To refurbish the clock face and hands.

These items are mostly cosmetic, but if we are able to do them it is necessary in order to keep St Mary's as we would like.

Robin and I would like to thank all of our teams of helpers and supporters that enable St Mary's to run smoothly:

Cleaners, flower arrangers, refreshments, sidesmen, we are most grateful.

Thanks also to:

Our Organist and choirmaster Paul and St Mary's choir, the Pastoral team, Philip our magazine editor and my fellow Warden Robin for not only his long term of service but for his excellent work as our treasurer.

Last but not least, thank you to our wonderful ministry team led by Alan and Bill for whom we are extremely thankful.

Churchyard Report

Mostly in good order although work for the new season is only just starting.

Mowers have been serviced during the winter break.

Hedges have been cut and trimmed.

Early spring mole activity is under control.

A new team of volunteers are working well and I am very grateful to them.

The lower churchyard area is as best as possible with our limited resources and without the expense of additional professional help.