

APCM 2026.

Churchwarden's Report

A huge thank you to all who help and contribute to the smooth running of St Mary's Church, your work and support is much appreciated.

Thanks also to those who have helped with maintaining the Church and the churchyard.

The Fabric of the Church

This is generally in good order, regular maintenance is to schedule, all certificates for electrics, fire extinguishers and lightning conductor are up to date along with insurance certificates.

Despite regular and pre-winter maintenance our boiler system had partially broken down in January! We managed to limp along until the end of the winter period with the help of a very large air space heater. Unfortunately I have to report that we now need to replace both boilers! I am currently investigating our options for replacement.

Work carried out included:

- Brace Room redecorated, particularly to repair water damage following the leaking roof (since resolved).
- All outside timber to Brace Room has been refurbished.
- Ringing Chamber has been redecorated and interior wall damage repaired.
- Bell ropes replaced with complete new set.
- New flagstone path to sheds laid.

Work in hand or on agenda including:

- Tower Clockface refurbishment (awaiting faculty approval)
- New boiler system (subject to option approval by the Diocese)