

Report on Fabric of Christ Church 2020

Articles and Goods

An inspection of all articles and goods has been carried out.

Church Interior

This continues to be well maintained. The re-ordered main worship space has continued to receive commendation for the quality of work. The flexibility of the space has not only breathed new life into our usual events but also encouraged us to hold new ones including the successful Burn's Night. There have been no issues with leaking radiators since they were replaced.

Fire extinguishers have been inspected and maintained.

Downstairs Meeting Room

This continues to be used by church and other groups.

Kitchen and Toilets

The PCC have resolved to renew these and some progress has been made on the toilets. The architect has completed a drawing which includes a disability accessible toilet and when we are in a more normal situation, this will be progressed further. Some research has taken place on the equipment requirements of a re-ordered kitchen. Meanwhile, it has been refreshed with anti-fungus paint.

Churchyard

The collapsed wall at the south side has been repaired and a number of bushes have been planted in the area close to the wall. This was covered by our insurance company.

The upper churchyard has been kept tidy by members of the congregation. Grass cutting this summer has been contracted out and the churchyard has looked good. Maintenance of the garden has been going on throughout the pandemic – well done to all the volunteers!

The church clock has been inspected and maintained.

Church Grounds

We are in the process of applying for a faculty to:

- a) Widen the church entrance gate by removing about one metre of the right hand wall. The look of the gate will be the same as now. The plans have been approved by the local authority.
- b) Provide some car parking on the grassed areas. This will be by laying mesh capable of supporting vehicles.
- c) Installing a drainage void at the west end of the tower to facilitate the drying out of the internal toilet wall.

There are a number of technical details in b) and c) that need to be finalised before we gain approval.

Future Issues

Last winter we had issues with the heating system in the meeting room. One contractor said that it couldn't be repaired but when we consulted another, it was repaired at a minimal cost. It has worked OK since. The main church heating though is showing its age and one of the boilers is not working. Plans need to be made to replace our boilers - probably in the near future.

Final Remarks

With the above maintenance and development that we want to accomplish, we will need to think carefully about re-invigorating our efforts to raise the necessary funding that we will need. We have done this before – our worship space, chairs etc. and we are sure that we can do it again.

Colin Stow and Roy Aston
Churchwardens - October 2020

Report on Fabric of St John's Newsholme 2020

The church has been well maintained and there are no particular issues that need highlighting this year.

Ralph Brunskill
Deputy Warden – October 2020