

Church Wardens Report

Among the various duties assigned to the Wardens is their report to the Annual Meeting concerning the ornaments and chattels of the church and to confirm that they have been looked after suitably over the year.

This year much like last year continuing to be difficult for a number of reasons, not least of which has been the perpetual stop start nature of worship in the church building due to the ever-changing covid restrictions. We have also had a number of staff changes this year, saying goodbye to Lydia, Gemma and Dan. For us Wardens Gemma's faithfulness to ensure all the little things that just make the church run will be missed and Dan's faithful service to the quality of the maintenance of the building will also be missed. Thank you so much to them both for all their hard work over many years.

Catherine has started working with us now maintaining the financial administration and the general church administration and we are grateful for her organisational skills and her keen eye for detail and this has led to a number of efficiency savings.

In 2022 we will once again have our quinquennial inspection and we are pleased to report that we have made progress with a number of items to maintain our almost 150 year old building, despite the covid and financial restrictions. We have some firm recommendations for shoring up the playground down to the lower carpark, some quotes on the clock repairs that are needed and more recently some quotes to repair a broken window in the altar.

The heating situation has been complex this year and costly, this has consumed lots of Phil's time as he has worked with various contractors to ensure the right solution. The heating in all areas of the church and link building is now functioning but there is some longer term investment that will be needed as the church boilers increase in age.

Our focus has been on ensuring the building is open and safe for public worship which has delayed a number of works this year, I am pleased to say that they are on the whole underway and now in hand and in early 2022 a works party was held to do a 'spring clean' and we are grateful for all your support with these jobs.

Our thanks also goes to the AV Team who have enabled 'live stream' church and podcasts. Their diligence, creativity and flexibility to adapt to the ever changing restrictions and rules has been an incredible blessing to us all. Thank you.

In addition, this year our grounds continued to be used by the public and we are grateful to the team who have continued to serve to keep the gardens look tidy and poured creative energies into the flower beds, lights and grass mowing.

We were able to open the Church Tower to the public this year as a paid ticketed event and we saw over 60? Visitors climb the tower. It was wonderful to be able to meet so many of our local community up high!

It has been wonderful to see the church in action with our local community making use of the building once again with various activities starting up during the year again and the

kitchen in use again, this has meant some repairs and maintenance and is now fully functioning. We are keen to ensure that we meet our Health & Safety requirements in this area and Phil and others have undertaken training to ensure compliance.

We would like to thank Dave for his support, encouragement and flexibility. Encouraging us all to see God at work in the mundanities, complications and blessings of this year.

Heather would like to thank the church congregation for their support, friendship and encouragement and especially Sue, Renate and Penny for their prayerful support over the last three to four years as Church Warden as she steps down this year.

We present this report to the Annual Meeting.

Heather Yaxley

Phillip Wearon

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