

Fabric Report 2020- 2021 - Prepared by Tamsin Gilbert & Neil Rowe

All Saints

Apart from the usual routine maintenance work ensuring the building is in good condition. We are very grateful to Doug Simmons and James Crafer who undertake much of the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep.

- 1) The churchyard is routinely maintained by the Parish Council and our Maintenance Team help to keep it tidy. The old shed has been replaced.
- 2) The boilers were serviced but have since failed. Since repairing is becoming costly, we are looking into replacement options.
- 3) The drain hoppers are cleared on an annual basis and the weeds around the gutters at the bottom of the walls have been cleared and pea shingle put down to aid drainage of water.
- 4) Our spotlights have been replaced with LED versions and re-aligned to improve lighting in the church to great effect.
- 5) The AV system has had some upgrades, including the addition of equipment for live streaming and new speakers.
- 6) Further storage has been installed in the loft and the cupboards under the gallery area have been reshelved to allow for better storage.
- 7) List b permission has been approved and the stonework around the church is being repaired in line with that identified in the quinquennial. Further work is still required.
- 8) We are still conscious that we need to improve access to All Saints.
- 9) CCTV was installed at the start of 2020 following faculty approval.
- 10) The room behind the organ has been reorganised to create a new church office during the week which can convert to a toddler space on Sunday mornings.

St Luke's

We are very grateful to the Friends of St. Luke's who have worked incredibly hard to clean and tidy St. Luke's, especially Pamela Carter Moore and Carolyn Whiting who ensure that this is maintained.

- 1) The church has been thoroughly cleaned and the redundant electric organs and other rubbish removed.
- 2) The curtains around the vestry have been replaced and the one over the north door beautifully repaired.
- 3) The bell has been checked and a new bell pull added.
- 4) A water butt has been installed onto one of the back downpipes to collect water for cleaning floors and doing flowers.
- 5) The churchyard has been well maintained and is now kept mown and strimmed by M Pearce on a voluntary basis.
- 6) The heaters have been serviced and the gas system checked. Regular use is helping them.
- 7) The doors have both been re-oiled and metal work painted.

More QI work and essential maintenance is required, but St. Luke's remains in good overall condition.