

## Condition of the Church, Parish Centre and Parish Hall for 2019

The exterior condition of the church remains in good repair and has benefited from the works carried out during the year in respect of the entrance porch upgrade.

The felt roof of the choir vestry was cleared of moss which was retaining moisture and thereby accelerating dampness in the choir vestry.

The church roofs were inspected during the year by our roofing contractors, minor repairs to slipped and damaged tiles carried out and gutters cleaned.

Some external stonework from the tracery window in the south transept became dislodged during the year, possibly as a result of frost. A quotation to repair and reinstate the fallen stonework has been obtained and the work will be carried out during the spring of 2020. Archdeacon's Permission under List B has been applied for.

It was also noticed that the pointing to the stonework to the external elevation of the choir vestry was not appropriate for the stonework. A quotation to remove the cement pointing and replace with 3.5 hydraulic lime sharp and yellow sand has been obtained and the work will be carried out during the spring of 2020.

The internal areas of the church remain in good repair and we are grateful to the small army of volunteer cleaners and flower arrangers who ensure that the church is kept looking at its best.

The Parish Centre external and internal fabric remains in good repair and the building is regularly utilised by both church groups and external groups.

The Parish Hall continues to be well used by the Tynemouth Village Day Centre and several other user groups. The overall condition of the building, whilst adequate, needs modernising and upgrading. An options study for the Parish Hall is to be carried to determine the best solutions.

All annual maintenance checks and servicing (boilers/alarms/electrics etc.) have been undertaken and any repairs deemed important carried out.

The church and Parish Hall grounds continue to be cared for by a small, but dedicated, group of volunteers. The size of trees in the church yard continue to be a source of concern but despite applications being made to North Tyneside Council to prune the trees back, to date, the Council will not give permission.

## Work Executed During Year Ended 31 December 2019

The following work was undertaken during the year 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019;

### Notice Board

A replacement notice board was purchased and erected in the churchyard adjacent to the southern entrance off King Edward Road. A faculty for this was not required as it was a straight replacement for the existing notice board with service times, incumbent and contact details updated.

### Eye Bolts for banners

Four eye bolts were installed into the vertical pillars on the south boundary walls to facilitate the occasional hanging of banners to advertise church events. The Archdeacon's permission for this was granted on 30/1/2019 under a List B Application.

### New flag

A replacement St George's Cross flag was purchased to replace the existing flag which had become shredded in the north east weather.

### Porch

A Faculty was granted on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 to carry out major refurbishment and redecoration works to the church porch including the installation of a ramp for DDA compliance. The cost of this work including the architect's fees was £44,377.90 including VAT. We recovered the sum of £5,005.42 for VAT from the Listed Places of Worship Scheme resulting in an overall cost to us of £39,372.48.

The works were carried out by S V Rutter Ltd under the guidance of the church architect, Mr Peter Nugent of Ainsworth Spark Associates.

### Replacement of heating controls on boilers

Hive control units were purchased and installed in the church, Parish Centre and Parish Hall so that we could be more economical with our gas usage. The Archdeacon's Permission under List B was applied for and granted on 12 August 2019.

### Church linen

The servers' apparels and amices, which were getting rather worn, were replaced through the kind offices of Mrs Liz Parr and Mrs D Bayley. They are also making new falls for the legilium and coverings for the altar table and credence table.

### Lady Chapel table

The W3 group kindly provided funds to replace the hanging and purchase a new table for the Lady Chapel. The table was made by Mr Chris Smith, a member of the congregation, and is a fitting addition to the church's furniture.