

ANNUAL BUILDINGS REPORT 2024

Holy Trinity Church, Seer Green & Jordans

The following is a summary of the works undertaken on the Church, Churchyard and Parish Church Hall between April 2023 and April 2024. Further details are available in PCC minutes and also in the 'Record of Works' log.

INSURANCE

In 2023 and 2024, the church and buildings were again insured by Ecclesiastical Insurance.

INSPECTIONS

No formal inspections took place in the year. However, as part of the refurbishment review, the Diocese Church Building Officer visited, as well as our proposed Architect in relation to some reordering and a much more ambitious refurbishment programme. A general discussion of the church interior and exterior indicated that change was possible and would be generally supported provided it was agreed upon by the PCC and the correct faculty requests made.

As part of the refurbishment programme, a digital survey of the church has been carried out and a new set of detailed drawings produced.

MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance was undertaken as required.

REPAIRS

The Church roof required attention to repair dislodged slates. The work was undertaken to replace/repair some dozen slates. While undertaking the work, a visual inspection was carried out and although there are some concerns, the roof is in a reasonable condition.

There are some concerns regarding the flat roof over the Vestry and this is to be inspected.

CHURCHYARD

Some of the Churchyard trees have been tidied up and branches removed. A faculty (A) has been lodged for this work. The trees to the north side are unkept and it may become necessary to consider their removal – further inspection may be required.

Gardeners have been secured to mow the grass which was done in April. Ongoing costs may need to be considered.

BOILERS

One of the gas boilers has been repaired allowing the heating in the church to function, albeit at a lower than required heating capacity. A Faculty (A) for this work has been lodged.

The boiler is likely to only last a few years before it fails again and it is anyway insufficient to heat the church quickly and comfortably. Consideration of a new heating system is underway as part of the refurbishment proposals.

REORDERING

A faculty has been lodged to remove 8 pews and the pulpit. The response from the diocese is expected in May 24. Provided the Faculty is approved, the work will take place in June.

On completion, the rear of the church will be opened up to allow more flexibility. The front of the church will also be opened up to allow larger musical groups to be comfortably accommodated and also allow the screen to be lowered.

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