

St Edward's Buildings Management Report – 2021-22

The audio-visual faculty petition was submitted on 23 July 2021, was granted on 23 Jan this year and implemented by 22 March.

The re-ordering faculty petition was submitted on 16 August 2021 and granted on 17 March this year. Implementation is anticipated early in 2023.

The organ was tuned by Nicholsons on 7 March this year.

A significant act of vandalism occurred in mid July 2021, when the Church was closed as part of Covid precautions. Someone threw a large stone or other object and damaged part of the West Window in spite of the protective wire outside it. The whole stained glass panel was sent away for repair by the Stained Glass Studio in Malvern. It was finally replaced yesterday, 19th April.

During the past year, Stow Town Council decided to investigate possible movement in the Churchyard wall along Church Alley, between Church Street and the steps opposite the Church Rooms entrance. In order to establish the extent of any movement, the Council has arranged for a survey. This will result in the section of Church Alley being closed from 9am to 12 noon on 4 days during the next 14 months. The first date is Thursday 30th June. While the closure is in place, pedestrians, including Almshouses residents, will be directed to divert through the Churchyard.

Finally, the Town Council has agreed to trim the tree growth around the Churchyard flagpole. Permission is required from the Archdeacon and from the District Council, but it is hoped to complete the work before the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including the Civic Service on 5th June.