

Church Wardens Fabric Report

Changes and repairs to Fabric and buildings from Jan to Dec 2023

All service checks across the churches that needed to be completed have been carried out, including the Fire Risk Assessments.

At the Good Shepherd a new cooker was purchased for the hall kitchen. Hedges were cut back around part of the Good Shepherd boundary after a complaint from a neighbour. The Quinquennial Inspection for The Good Shepherd was carried out. The Report will be published in January 2024

St Nicolas Church

On the death of Ron Bayfield, he left his Electric Organ to the church, a faculty was sought and the organ is now in situ at the rear of the north aisle.

The electronics for the bells have been installed in the base of the tower and the parts that needed repair have been sent to the foundry.

In November we had an intruder on the roof causing large holes to the vestry and north aisle and pulling down guttering. Roofs were repaired and temporary plastic guttering erected to direct rainwater from the building. Unfortunately, it happened during a period of wet weather, causing water damage to the side altar carpet, altar frontal and velvet drop and a chasuble. Insurance claims have been made and action to repair or replace items is ongoing. St Nicolas has had its quinquennial inspection.

Repairs were carried out to the boiler in the Parish Centre, and weeds and rubbish were cleared, and removed from side and back paths.

The Church Wardens would like to express our thanks to all who have help in any way over the past year to keep our churches up and running. Thanks also to Father David who provides us with a daily mass across the parish, we are very fortunate to have this.

Our grateful thanks to you all

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