

What's happening at the Church whilst we are all in lockdown?

The Church building have been completely closed for six weeks now whilst we are all self-isolating, but I thought it good to let everyone know that members of the property committee are continuing to visit the building and ensure it is safe and “almost” ready when we are allowed to go back for worship and other activities.

Firstly, it is a requirement of our insurance that the buildings are visited at least one a week

To save money Steve & Elaine the Caretaker and Cleaner were furloughed back in March, the heating and all appliances (ex the Freezer) have been switched off, fridges cleaned and all food either taken to food banks. or thrown away. Post is collected, so bills can be paid. Regular maintenance checks are continuing to be carried out, e.g.

- Running the hot water taps to reduce any risk of Legionella
- Emergency lighting annual statutory annual 3hour discharge test. Unfortunately, this has concluded that some of the emergency lighting batteries are faulty and are now being replaced.
- Fire Alarm testing
- Door control safety checks
- Annual gas inspection

We are also progressing jobs we have been meaning to do for some time! including Installing a new earthing system throughout the Wickham Room lights, previously reported as an issue on an electrical test.

We have also had the two new replacement Heaters installed in the Church



The lectern was returned after modifications, literally hours before the lockdown commenced, and is sitting at the back of the Church waiting to be moved to the Sanctuary



When we do get the green light to start using the premises again, in whatever form, it may take a while to get things up an running as we will need to carry out a full deep clean, and then possibly put social distancing measures in place, but we will keep everyone updated with progress

Keep safe & well

Peter Moody