

Report on Church fabric, goods and ornaments for the year ended 31st December 2022

This was, fortunately, a year when no major repairs of the church fabric were required, but a number of minor repairs and works were carried out under the authority of the Wardens and the PCC as appropriate. These included minor repairs to the external stonework and slate tiling of the South Porch; similar repairs to the roof of the Church Office which had been leaking badly; repair of a leaking downpipe and nearby stonework on the North elevation; repainting of the glazed doors in the North Porch which were badly chipped and worn; pigeon-proofing of the Tower, the Chancel roof and one of the East elevation windows, all of which were significantly infested; and the clearing of a blocked toilet and drain. Minor electrical safety works were also carried out, following up a 5-yearly electrical inspection done in 2021 by CES.

Some minor repairs were also necessary in the church halls, including fixing a leak from the disabled toilet; clearing a blockage in the dishwasher; repairing the timer of the range cooker which is essential to its functioning; installation of a blue towel dispenser in the kitchen to improve hygiene standards; and an essential mechanical repair to the "Operable Wall" (i.e. movable partition) which separates the two halls. The Pre-School Group also kindly gifted a new fridge-freezer to the church, for use by the Pre-School Group, the church and other hall users.

No major new equipment was purchased during the year. The Wardens have regularly checked the Defibrillator and also arranged Defibrillator training provided by London Ambulance Service in December for a group of church members.

The most significant new items of church property acquired in 2022 were 150 new pew Bibles and the Lectern Bible dedicated by Bishop Jonathan on 23rd October; and the new altar frontal for Ordinary Time, dedicated on 20th November. The frontal is beautifully embroidered in gold thread and introduces a welcome note of modernity in our church furnishings, complementing our rich inheritance of Victorian and Edwardian fabrics.

The Wardens

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