

# St Stephen's Ealing

## Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church for year 2020-21

### For Annual Parochial Church Meeting 26 May 2021

(as required under the Church Representation Rules para II 9d)

As Churchwardens we are responsible, on behalf of the PCC, for all the buildings, plant & fabric and contents of the Church and Church Centre.

These also include maintenance of the buildings and fabric of the Cottage (occupied by our centre manager and his wife) and 26 Drayton Gardens (occupied by our Curate & his family since May 2018).

We annually complete the annual terrier and inventory, and confirm that the silver and other possessions of the church are complete and in good order.

An annual report on buildings and assessment of immediate work needed was presented to the (delayed) APCM last October 2020. This new report covers the 6 months to April 2021.

The Church is in a reasonable state of repair for a building of its age, but the seasonal rise and fall of the earth around it continues to make the forecourt very uneven resulting in some areas being hazardous.

The Building Group, consisting of Dinos Horattides, Fred Eaves, Ian Jamieson and the Churchwardens made two proposals to the PCC, namely to refurbish the hall floor and doors and to relay the church car park. The hall floor and door refurbishment was completed to a high standard in the summer.

The PCC agreed that the car park should be done subject to the funds being available. In the event, due to Covid19 and the subsequent lack of hall bookings, this project was deferred to this year (2021) and funding is now available. However, a possible funding opportunity has recently arisen for the entrance to the Church to be greatly improved at the same time which is being investigated by the PCC and the Building Team.

Other repairs and works have been completed on the church;

- Church gutter and roof cleaning
- The Relocation of the pavings and Shed in the garden west of the Hall have been completed. We thank Chris Irwin-Childs for all his hard work making this area look much better.

We are also happy to report that the majority of the repairs identified in the 2016 Quinquennial inspection have now been rectified.

We wish to thank Andrew Dixon for continuing to oversee our lighting requirements.

We would urge all PCC Members that if you see anything within the church, or outside, that requires attention and you feel able to deal with, please speak to one of the Churchwardens. So whether you would like to repaint a window, prune some bushes or even pick up some litter, please let us know. Remember that we are all responsible for our church building and grounds and we want to keep them in good order for when we all meet there together again as a church family.