

St Stephen's Ealing

Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church for year 2021-22

For Annual Parochial Church Meeting 15 May 2022

(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 (rented out at present).

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.

Our Quinquennial Inspection (QI) in July identified a number of issues that needed attention. We have since addressed and resolved several of these. The main concern was the state of the cupola on the Church roof which has now been rendered safe.

Our new QI Inspector, Steve Palmer, noted that the fabric of the St Stephen's building has been well maintained and this is largely thanks to the volunteers who lend their expertise during the year.

In October 2021 and April 2022, we were able to organise much-needed Cleaning and DIY Days at the Church. Many members of St Stephen's attended, which made them both fun and very successful.

The PCC has agreed an exciting scheme for a new enlarged entrance to the Church building. This scheme will, generously, be fully funded by the St Luke's Trust and will go hand in hand with the renewal of the paving work in the car park to make this safe. Overall, we hope it will result in a much more accessible and attractive entrance to the church as well as enhancing its visibility as a place of Christian worship in the community.

We would like to thank all of the members of St Stephens who have helped us keep the building safe and in good repair over the last year and in particular the Building Team who have worked hard behind the scenes. Without all of your help our building would not be in the good state that it is now.

Caroline Jamieson Mary Ann Auckland Churchwardens

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