Report on Fabric of Christ Church 2021

Articles and Goods

An inspection of all articles and goods has been carried out.

Church Interior

This continues to be well maintained. The re-ordered main worship space has continued to receive commendation for the quality of work. A new, regular cleaning schedule has been set up for the main worship space.

Fire extinguishers have been inspected and maintained.

Heating systems have been maintained.

The organ has been maintained.

Kitchen and Toilets

There has been no progress on the kitchen and toilets.

Churchyard

The upper churchyard has been kept tidy by members of the congregation. Grass cutting has again been contracted out and the churchyard looks good. Maintenance of the garden has also been going on throughout the pandemic – well done to all the volunteers!

The church clock has been inspected and maintained.

Church Grounds

We have been granted a faculty to:

- a) Widen the church entrance gate by removing about one metre of the right hand wall. The look of the gate will be the same as now. The plans have been approved by the local authority.
- b) Provide some car parking on the grassed areas. This will be by laying mesh capable of supporting vehicles and will cover the South-West grassed area.

Work will start very soon on the car parking and our architect will provide a specification for the gate widening to put out for tender.

The plan to installing a drainage void at the west end of the tower to facilitate the drying out of the internal toilet wall was not approved. It was resolved to add this to an application to upgrade the toilets. A dehumidifier has been installed in one of the toilets to help dry out the exterior wall.

Future Issues

PAT testing is long overdue needs to be completed as a priority. There are some issues with the front wall which will need addressing soon.

Final Remarks

As noted in our last report, we will need to think carefully about re-invigorating our efforts to raise the necessary funding that we will need to continue to develop our church buildings. We have done this before – our worship space, chairs etc. and we are sure that we can do it again.

Colin Stow and Roy Aston Churchwardens – May 2021

Report on Fabric of St John's Newsholme 2020

The church has been closed for much of the time since our last Annual Meeting but it remains regularly cleaned and well maintained. There are no particular issues that need highlighting this year.

Ralph Brunskill Deputy Warden – May 2021