

Churchwardens and Church Fabric Report 2024 (for APCM)

In addition to the general maintenance works the following specific larger projects were completed in 2024:

- The re-roofing and insulating of the new boiler house roof (previously known as the Sexton's shed).
- Re-roofing of the leaking gardener's shed which replaced the asbestos cement roof with new profiled metal sheet roofing.
- With the Archdeacon's permission, the installation of a new oak cash donation box in the tower.
- The leaning brick wall on the pastoral centre was partially demolished and a new brick pier/buttress built to stabilise any further movement. In addition to this the owner of the neighbouring flats and car park removed a large ash tree (whose roots had undermined the foundations of the brick wall) and trimmed back two other trees, at his own expense.
- Three new cupboards have been fitted in the choir vestry to replace the old work top and drawers and to "tidy up" the accumulation of wires, chargers etc.
- The damaged fence panels behind the parish office have been replaced together with six new panels being fitted between the rectory and a neighbouring garden. This replaced the Leylandii trees.
- The electric motor for the central screen in the church has been replaced.

A faculty has been obtained to upgrade and refurbish the toilets in the Church Room and grant has been obtained from Guildford Diocese in addition to the small grant given by The Jane Austen Society of North America. In addition a significant grant from Surrey County Council, sponsored by Cllr Clare Curran, has also now been received. Work is now ongoing to enable the work to commence.

In 2024 we also considered as a PCC and Fabric Committee various projects for 2025:

- Repair to deal with damp patch on north wall of church
- New gardener's shed door
- Pastoral Centre carpet clean
- Church Room chair storage cupboard

The churchwardens and other members of the PCC are very grateful to the volunteers making up the Fabric Committee who oversee this work and also carry out the more routine tasks. We would particularly like to thank David Wall and David Barnes for their valued contribution in masterminding most of this vital work. The PCC is thankful for the continued support of Mole Valley District Council for the maintenance of the churchyard.

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