

Fabric Report 2020

Lights

The up lighting in the Nave has been replaced with LED lights, this has had the effect of reducing the power consumption by about 90%. It has also made the church look lovely and uplifting. New LED lights have also been fitted under the gallery, in the Chapman room and the upper store room. The upper store room has never been so well lit. Richard, Roger and myself heled with this project.

Organ

Great advances have been made on the organ restoration, good grants were received and with the fund raising, including the flower festival, all the funds needed were raised. Andrew Stevens was contracted to do the work in three phases, the first involved cleaning, pipe restoration and blower repairs, this was completed in 2019. The second phase involved removing and painting the case, restoring more pipes and repairs to the bellows was done during the second stage of lockdown when they were able to work in the church again. The third stage of new pedal board and extra pipes will take place in July next year. Thanks to Richard who has been running with this project and getting all the electrics sorted. The new colour the organ has been painted was well received, it now complements the beauty of the church interior.

Health and Safety

Health and safety issues are on the PCC agenda and issues constantly reviewed.

Church Electrics

The church electrics are fully up to latest standards. Whilst the organ electrics were being upgraded a new power socket has been installed in the sanctuary enabling the cleaner to use the Hoover in that area.

Tower Vestry

This room is still planned to be renovated to provide a parish office for the PCC officers and the rector.

Chimney repair to chancel

The old chimney from the North Vestry that had been lowered and capped in the 1970's now shows signs of fatigue and cracking and needs to be removed to below tile level.

North Vestry

There are cracks in the North Vestry walls that have been there for many years. Crack Monitor Tell Tales have been fitted internally monitor these cracks, Richard has been monitoring these over the last year.

Church path

Estimates received for resurfacing of the church paths have been now used and the parish council has paid for the work to be done. The new paths are well appreciated by those using them. The path around the church will be resurfaces sometime in the future.

Church Wall

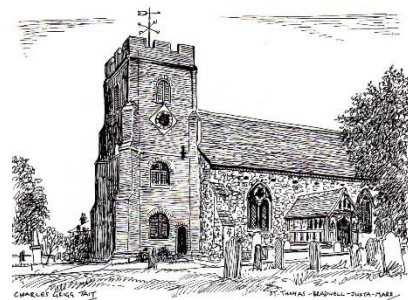
We have been working with the parish council on getting estimates for repairs to the wall. Our architect has produced a specification and we have received permission to have the work carried out. The parish council have now approved for the work to be carried out soon. We value the support of the parish council on these projects.

Churchyard and Cemetery

We have been working on the churchyard maintenance plan for the churchyard with the parish council. In the future a wildlife area will be fenced off and maintained with the school. The cemetery has been maintained well, but several trees soon need attention. The area for created remains also needs upgrading, work is planned on this in the future.

Trees

The lime tree in the North East corner of the churchyard is diseased has been felled. Several other trees in the churchyard are due to be trimmed, we are working with the parish council on this project.



2015 Quinquennial

The 2020 Quinquennial inspection is due to take place in the next few months.

Quinquennial actions

1. Replace missing or broken tiles – north side of chancel, north roof to nave **Done**
2. Close inspection of chancel roof **Done**
3. Repair or replace lower ladder to bell chamber **Done**
4. Carpenter to inspect steps of staircase from intermediate chamber to ringing chamber, reinforce where necessary **Done**
5. Tighten tap to basin in disability toilet **Done**
6. Investigate damp in wall and floor to the vestry and organ chamber and area of chancel arch **Ongoing**

Within 1 Year

1. Inspect porch to check whether further bracing is required **Done**
2. Clear all gutters regularly **Done - Ongoing**
3. Monitor all cracks and get engineer's report on cracks **Ongoing**
4. Replacement of boiler flue and repair boiler room roof **Done**
5. Electrical Inspection and necessary work from inspection. **Done**
6. Re roofing of Lych Gate, secure sole plates and repair cemetery fence. **Done**

Within 2 Years

1. Renewal of Church Path **Done**
2. Re Roof Nave and Chancel – **Grant not received so local repairs were carried out.**
3. Replacement of porch eaves boards and floor. **Done**

Within 5 Years

1. Repointing where indicated – west boundary wall, near the south gateway **Soon to start**, southern boundary **Soon to start**, east boundary, apron north wall to vestry, western face to lower fleche in north face of tower, west face to return to nave, plinth at base of buttress on south side of chancel, chancel arch **TBD**
2. Get a report on the trees in the churchyard **Done**
3. Remove moss from buttress to the right of north wall to nave **Done**
4. Re-render return wall to nave above boiler room **TBD**
5. Redecorate clock face **TBD**
6. Check eaves and ashlar pieces to chancel roof **TBD**

Future work that needs attention:

Although much work has been done this and for the past few years there is much to do in the future. Possible future costs could be: Chimney repair to chancel £4k, Vestry office refit £5k, Decorating and updating Chapman rooms including energy efficient changes and heating £5k, Clock repainting £2k, Fencing and tree work at the cemetery £5k, improvements to church heating system £10k.

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