

Church Wardens' Report - including Fabric Goods and Ornaments for Annual General Meeting 2018

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The church has been regularly inspected inside and out. The guttering has been cleaned where necessary and the down pipe near the porch has been cleaned out and reattached. We continue to

monitor the sanctuary wall between the two churches which has shown no significant change. As this was a quinquennial inspection year we would anticipate any issue to be highlighted by the architect. The inspection took place in October but at the time of writing the final report has not yet been received.

The outside lighting work was finally completed in October and has made a considerable difference to the church entrance in winter. The path from the main door to the vestry and on to the wall gate was completed and the legal paperwork outlining the terms under which the gate can be used was accepted. This completes the joint work between Acklam Hall and the church. The link has now been used on a variety of occasions including receptions after weddings, baptisms and funerals.

Following receipt of a faculty, the old safes were removed and replaced by one security coded safe.

The churchyard has again been maintained by a monthly group of volunteers doing general weeding and tidying, and the grass has been cut regularly by one parishioner, with support to cover holidays.

Inside the church the lighting above the choir stalls has been repaired and the spotlights replaced with 30 watt LED bulbs. Light bulbs have been replaced as necessary on a number of occasions.

The five year electrical test was carried out in February.

The bookshelves at the back of church were removed to allow new noticeboards to be erected as well as a new porch Welcome to St Mary's Board.

One of the old boards may still be used, but again, discussions are taking place as to the type of faculty that will be needed.

FABRIC AND ORNAMENTS

The silverware and communion cloths are all cleaned regularly. The brass continues to be cleaned regularly by one parishioner. The church continues to be cleaned regularly as far as is possible by those who have done so for many years, but we are reaching a point where alternative means will have to be looked at if current volunteers are not supplemented or replaced.

The terrier and log book have been kept updated.

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