

Fabric report 2019 – St Mark’s church and hall – for APCM 2020

Buildings

The last Quinquennial inspection was in 2015 which highlighted issues with the church roof in particular. There has been no indication of further deterioration during 2019.

A Fire Safety Inspection by Cheshire East Fire & Rescue Service was carried out in March and the inspector was complimentary; the only issue was the raising of the alarm – this has been addressed by the purchase and installation of two air horns.

Inventory

An inventory check was not completed during 2019, but was carried out early in 2020 as part of the New Build project process. No significant issues were highlighted.

In June, a new Lincat water boiler was purchased for the hall kitchen at a cost of £490 to replace the old unit which had come to the end of its life

Maintenance

Monthly safety inspections were carried out, as a result of which replacement emergency torches, first aid kits and eye wash bottles were purchased.

The church hall outer door lock was repaired in January after it became inoperable from the outside (a faulty lock cylinder was replaced).

A faulty motorised valve controlling the hall central heating radiators was replaced in March.

Routine servicing of the fire extinguishers was carried out in April.

The 5-yearly electrical installation inspection and some associated repairs were carried out in September, as was the annual service and safety check on the gas boilers and porch heater. It was noted that one of the boilers does not ignite correctly (this has been a problem for some time and, for information, at the 2020 inspection it was declared unsafe and rendered inoperative).

Testing of all portable electrical appliances was carried out in October. There were 4 failures: hall door chime, A4 laminator, extension lead and a 3—way adaptor. These items were scrapped and a replacement door chime purchased.

The front gates were painted in October by a working party from Shavington Scout Group.

The front steps were re-pointed in November.

The church organ was serviced in November.

Church Field

The field was mown regularly during the growing season by Jason Harding & Son Ltd. Tree branches overhanging Crewe Road footpath were pruned during the year to provide clearance for pedestrians. One large oak tree is now growing over the road and this will require professional attention in the near future.

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