

Report on the Fabric of the Church and its Goods and Ornaments

March 2018

The Churchwardens are very pleased to report that the fabric of the church continues to remain in a good state of repair. The Quinquennial Inspection was carried out on 14th and 15th September. The most important item identified by our architect was the replacement of the copper on the chancel roof; a second expert opinion concluded that the roof does not need replacing at this time and should last another 7-10 years. Our church architect has agreed with this assessment. Other important items identified have been completed, and a programme set up to address a number of small and routine items.

We have checked through all the items listed on the inventory and can assure the PCC that all items of value have been checked, are where they should be and are in good condition, with the following exceptions:

1. A brass plaque has fallen off the wall in the North Chapel: this was reported in February 2017 and the Diocesan Brass Restoration expert's report was received last month. The conservator's quotation for installation is awaited.
2. The minor scratch on the painting above the North Chapel altar: this was also reported in February 2017 and we have not yet been able to obtain expert advice.

The following additions were made to the inventory in 2017:

1. The west end servery and equipment, flower arrangers' sink and cupboards.
2. The west door and south door welcome furniture and display stands.
3. The Arts Association (NADFAS) recorders' report.
4. Metal display stands (6) for pulpit, font etc, with explanatory cards for visitors.

Two benches in the churchyard in front of the west door were removed by the Town Council as they had become unsafe. Now that the work on the roadway has been completed, we can proceed to take up two offers to donate replacements.

We are pleased to report therefore that the goods and ornaments of the church are in place and in general in good repair.

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