

Fabric Works 2020

St Mary's Church

The overall stewardship of the 'Fabric, Goods and Ornaments' is an ongoing task undertaken by the Churchwardens year by year.

The Fabric Committee has formal oversight of fabric issues and reports to the PCC.

Much of the maintenance work is done by Duncan our Verger, thus saving the church a considerable amount of money. He routinely checks all aspects of the church fabric.

Key maintenance tasks in 2020 included:

The replacement of flagstone at South Door and five in south aisle. In addition a giant flagstone was lifted to remove a tripping hazard. A clay gravestone was moved outside and flagstones outside the west end of the church were replaced.

The castellation on chapter house was re-fixed.

The low-level ironworks on the outside of the building were repainted and sealant repairs were carried out to the Chancel lead roof. Ongoing repairs to the church's lead roof to fix leaks were necessary. Waterproofing to the flat roof in various locations also took place.

We also carried out mortar repairs to stop leaks.

Partial Repainting of the Bell Frame took place together with general repair work for the Tower/Bells. The north tower doors and top south tower door were re varnished.

As ever, there was general repair work for building and fixtures together with the general upkeep of the Churchyard.

During the year the control processor on the main boiler was replaced as was the heater in the choir vestry.

A number of sanctuary cushions were repaired with gold velour.

Remedial work on the Pipe Organ took place and its video screen was replaced.

The Madonna and Child painting that hung behind the lectern in the nave was removed for essential restoration work.

To support live broadcasting of services audio microphones were installed in the quire and audio streaming equipment was purchased and set up.