

CHURCHWARDENS FABRIC MATTER
FROM JANUARY 2019 TO AUGUST 2020

Another year at St Michael & All Angels.

Grass cutting was done by myself with my petrol mower at various times throughout the year and also Martyn.

Visited the **Archives** for information for the church.

I put the church heating on for various services.

Organ was tuned by Mr. Wilkes as per his twice a year service schedule in May & October.

Carried out the **key register twice a year** to find out who has keys and who needs keys. All forms checked against keys.

As the hall cleaner had retired I found some firms to do the cleaner but at the PCC meeting it was decided that the lady from the church would do ,I supplied 2 hoovers,mop,and cleaning materials including toilet rolls.

We had an electrician do all **the Pact testing** on all equipment in the **church and halls** and checked all the church. Which had not been done for years.

I started the **Holy Dusters** to clean the church as previous persons had to give up. David and I did this with another lady fortnightly. David and I supplied the cordless hoover which was much easier to use in the church.

David and I went to **Churchwarden Training** at the home of the Archdeacon Stephen, a good evening with lots of new information and then in his garden and marquee for a delicious BBQ with plenty of drink ,both non and alcohol drinks, it was good to meet the other churchwardens, mostly new like David so was nice to hear their stories of their churches.

The **Quinquennial Survey** was carried out on May 9th, I Met Martyn Nash after driving from our holiday in Portsmouth to help, very interesting day except for the rain. Found a lot wrong and still some jobs that had not been done since **the last 2 surveys in 1999 and 2010**.

Again, with **the Sides Persons** we went to the **Visitations** at the church at Teynham church in the orchards, signing in of the churchwardens and sides persons, a service followed by drinks and cakes.

In June as I had more night work given to me I had to give up the grass cutting so one of my friends took it on for a while, he cleared around the back of the Parish Hall which was well needed.

Since the **Quinquennial Survey** I decided to get quotes for the guttering that needed attention on the Church and halls at the same time the firm concreted the flints that had come loose back into **the wall of The Ascension Wall**.

The drainage on the Parish Hall was repaired and in fact the new pipes joined up which they were not before, the firm who carried out this repair also found the felting on the roof had come adrift but after a discussion with the PCC the cost was too expensive and would be carried out by PCC Members. These builders also found out that both sides of the hall had cracks forming due to subsiding but was also noted they had been filled in previously with concrete. **The PCC are aware**.

New water heaters were fitted in the toilets in the Parish Hall and replaced taps.

Before **the New Disabled toilet was fitted in the Vestry Hall**, we had to have the **Asbestos removed** in the loft space in the Vestry Hall. This was carried out by the builder to keep down costs or removal but still done **under Health & Safety guidelines**. The Builder made a ramp for wheelchairs but as he himself was diagnosed with Cancer he couldn't finish the job.

In October I was rushed into hospital **for blood cuts** and was there till November 5th, in the meantime David wasn't looking after himself and no visitors, despite me showing him how to work the microwave and not eating and drinking. He also was rushed into Maidstone Hospital stayed there for 2 weeks and then when well enough he was moved into The Heart Of Kent Hospice where he died on November 22nd. **David said in hospital that he would like to donate £1000 to the choir and music, this was noted in the PCC and minutes.**

After Fr Neil found plaster on the floor from the ceiling was decided by the PCC and Canterbury Diocese to **shut the church**. People couldn't understand as previous work undertaken in the back of the church with a scaffolding tower was just simply taped off. The Builder also found a problem in the ceiling above where Fr Neil sits. Quotes received and work commenced hoping to finish by Easter. **This work was paid by the church Insurance**

Since the church was closed for Repairs, we had services in the Parish Hall which was enjoyable as we were all together with toilets and canteen, much easier for everyone.

I wrote to the Archdeacon to **resign from the Post of Churchwarden also to the Diocesan Safeguarding team and the Deanery Synod**, yes I have done these jobs for a number of years now and feel how St Michael has changed of late certainly has changed since I was first welcomed by Mr. Stanley Paine back in April 2014 I will carry on with the flower arranging and Christmas Decorations.

Recently I have donated to provide Artificial Grass to the Parish Hall Garden, this will take place in the October Half term holiday. This will provide a good area of play for everyone who uses the halls, also will last 30 years plus. It will be better than real grass because of the lack of growth under the tree and also stop the broken glass and pottery from emerging when it rains, this area was used for the household tip for the Manor House.

I am also donating £400 for a petrol lawnmower to the Garden Working party as I promised them my home lawnmower but was taken in my house clearance.

I would just like to say Thank you to everyone that has helped me since April 2017 as Churchwarden.

Just like to say thank you for supporting me over these past years and wish you all the best in the future.