

Report to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2017

1 Regarding Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults

The Parish of Abbots Langley:

- has appointed a Parish Safeguarding Officer (Anne Donald);
- the PCC endorsed the updated Safeguarding Policy at its meeting on 24th November 2016;
- all relevant people have been through the DBS process; and
- the PCC is committed to all relevant people getting diocesan safeguarding training during the course of 2017.

2 Regarding the Terrier and Inventory (a record of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the churches of the parish) and Log Book (a record of the work undertaken on the churches)

The churchwardens reported to the PCC meeting of 28th March 2017 that the Terrier and Inventory are up-to-date; new items have been included and there are no items missing. The Log Book is kept up-to-date (see over).

Churchwardens' Report on the Fabric – 2016

As Churchwardens, we are required every year to make sure we keep a full record of the inventory, items possessed by the church – the Terrier and Inventory - and a full record of maintenance and repairs in the Church Log Book. I am pleased to be able to record that these have been completed.

The major item to report this year is the completion of the North Door Extension, the Breakspear Room. This was first conceived back when we drew up our first MAP in about 2011 and has been made possible mainly through the generous bequest by Liz Hill but also by the generosity of this congregation to raise the funds to complete the project and provide some furnishings. We also need to thank Richard Baldwin as Chair of Property for his technical expertise in overseeing the project and for the huge amount of worry that he has taken from our shoulders. Having now occupied the Breakspear Room for about six months, it almost seems difficult to imagine how we managed without it.

The second major project completed this year has been the revised entrance onto the field at Church of the Ascension in Bedmond. This access has been a sore point for many, many years, and hopefully the new arrangement will make it easier for us to maintain good relations with the owners of Beulah.

We should commend, too, the emergence of the Working Party at Bedmond which has been tidying up the area by the field and encouraging diversity of plants there.

40 Kindersley Way has now been let out after David left last summer. There have been some repairs to gutters and downpipes and at some point will need work on the chimney stack, but otherwise the house is in good order.

The Church Hall remains in good order and now has a new dishwasher which is a benefit to the people running the Sunday Lunch Club.

For the churchyard, we are grateful for the continuing grant from Abbots Langley Parish Council and this year to Three Rivers DC for a grant to replace two of our mowers. We must also express thanks for the work of the Churchyard Working Party.

The next major project for us will be the repair of the stonework for the windows at St Lawrence. This was raised at the last Quinquennial Inspection in 2012 but has been on hold while we deal with the extension. We are due to appoint a new Church Architect for the next Quinquennial this year and we shall take up the project again then. We expect the cost to be around £40,000 and we are very grateful to the Friends who have pledged to raise this money for us over the next few years.

These are the major items, but of course, there is an ongoing programme of maintenance, cleaning gutters, checking fire extinguishers, electrical repairs, boiler servicing and piano tuning amongst many items. We are grateful to Richard and the Property Committee for their work.