

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WILLIAN**  
**CHURCHWARDENS REPORT JANUARY 2023- December 2023**

This will be my last Church warden report and it has been a privilege, frustrating, and an amazing time serving as your Churchwarden.

What a year 2023 has been!

We have seen all Saints being pulled apart discovered long hidden secrets of a jug of coins and burials that we didn't know. The demolition work was done very quickly. Pews were sold and now have new homes where they are looked after. Some were so badly eaten away by woodworm it's amazing how many of us did not end up on the floor!

We finally moved back into All Saints just in time for a combined Remembrance service, Archdeacon Charles celebrated Holy Communion. However, the step up to the chancel had only been put in two days before and the cement was not properly dry.

Our relationship with Saint Mary's is continually developing. Originally, we should have only been with them for six months but in total it was just over the year. It is with grateful hearts we thank the congregation at Saint Mary's for sharing their church building with us. Many of us have made good friends and a strong bond will continue to be forged between our churches.

### **Fabric**

Due to the delays in completion of the re-ordering work very little has been done on the upkeep of the building fabric last year. The only notable item was the removal of 30+ Pigeons (and their mess) from the Tower.

Since re-occupying the church, we have re-rope the bells, to the Ellercombe Frame. Thanks to Tony, Cliff and Royston for doing this work.

There are a number of issues which need to be addressed as soon as possible, as well as any items that may be highlighted in the overdue Quinquennial Inspection.

- Replacement of the wooden screens in the bell chamber.
- Replacing parts of the Vestry floor.
- Major overhaul of the Tower Clock.
- Renovation/rebuilding of the churchyard wall.
- Replacement of the gates along Church Road.
- Resin bonding of the gravel path.

### **Re-ordering work.**

All of the planned work has now been completed but we still have a number of snagging issues to be resolved, both at handover as well as items we find as we get used to "running" the building.

This includes: -

- Resolving outstanding problems with the heating controls.
- Relocating mains electrical switch for the sink water heater.
- Fitting door stops for the Inner porch and kitchen doors.
- Some paint issues on the pillars of the Tower arch.

We are hopeful that this will soon be completed as we go forward with the builders and architects. However, as you can see from the Fabric report we will have some major costs to meet in the future.

There are so many people to say thank you to it is impossible to do. Please accept our thanks for everything you are all doing and will continue to do. We would not be able to function without your continuing prayers actions and volunteering for the many things that make the church run smoothly.

However, we cannot end this report without a huge thank you to Royston Jones who has been the one who has worked so closely with the builders, architects and filled out countless grant applications. Both Tony and I are indebted to him.

On a personal note, thank you all for the love and care you have shown to me.

Anne Jenkins & Tony Glenn  
Churchwardens  
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